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Eusebio may play in all-Greek clash

Eusebio's proposed game in Sydney has been called off but the Portuguese star may play in Melbourne and Adelaide instead.

Fitzroy Alexander field Eusebio in a National League trial game against fellow Greek club Sydney Olympic at the Fitzroy Cricket Ground at 3 pm. on Sunday, March 27.

Alexander president Jim Mangopoulos was trying to arrange a second game for Wednesday night, March 23, at Olympic Park under lights.

Juventus Adelaide president Charlie Caruso said his club would arrange a match for whatever date Eusebio (pictured at right) is available.

Hakoa - Easts, the club which wants to bring Eusebio to Australia, was to have used him in Sydney against J.U.S.T. in the league match on April 9.

However, Eusebio then told Hakoah he could stay in Australia only from March 21 until April 5.

Hakoah decided to use him in the Rosso Antico Cup final against Western Suburbs but failed to get use of the Sydney Sports Ground for a midweek game.

It is the only ground with suitable floodlighting but the Sports Ground Trust refused Hakoah permission to use the ground.

Then Hakoah tried to arrange a match against a Newcastle XI in Newcastle for March 26 but Newcastle refused, saying it had a different fixture set for that day.

Hakoah was all set to call off Eusebio's visit altogether, but Alexander and Juventus may yet save the day.

Eusebio

IT'S MILLION DOLLAR SOCCER

Footscray J.U.S.T. has clinched sponsorship of about $100,000 from Yugoslav Airlines and Juventus Adelaide, $200,000 from Living Insurance, bringing total backing for the national league to more than $1 million.

Rosso Antico is supporting Marconi for $200,000, Living Insurance is pouring $150,000 into Brisbane City, V.I.P Insurance will give an estimated $70,000 to Hakoah-Easts and the league itself is being sponsored by Philips Industries for $450,000.

All figures will be spread over three years.

St. George Budapest has minor sponsorship estimated at $10,000 from Domineili Ford and Canberra is backed for $60,000 by Brian Pollock Motors.

That brings total sponsorship of the league to $1,240,000

The Italian clubs - Marconi, Brisbane City (Azzurri) and Juventus Adelaide — are showing the way in securing club sponsorship.

But J.U.S.T joined the elite when it announced backing by Yugoslav Airlines (J.A.T.) at a Press conference last week.

The announcement was made jointly by Yugoslav Airlines Victorian manager **Mike Vidic** and J.U.S.T. president **Tony Kovac.**

Philips League manager **John Frank** said that J.A.T.'s sponsorship would continue past the initial three years.

"The relationship between the company and the club will be a continuous one," Mr Frank said.

The airline's support of J.U.S.T will be in the form of hard cash, uniforms and other equipment plus free air tickets for the club's three Yugoslav recruits, expected soon.

J.U.S.T teams will wear the JAT emblem on the backs of their shirts.

Juventus Adelaide players will wear the Living Insurance emblems.

Living Insurance's total sponsorship of Juventus and Brisbane City is now $350,000—only $100,000 less than Philips' sponsorship of the whole league!

Sydney Olympic, formerly Pan Hellenic, may also get rich backing. It is believed to be negotiating with Olympic Airways.

GOAL!

What a goal! Marconi striker Bertie Mariani is horizontal in mid-air, about to head past J.U.S.T goalkeeper Dennis Boland into the net.

The goal gave Marconi a lift, but it wasn't enough and J.U.S.T. won 2-1 through first-half goals by Mirko, Rujevic and Jim Kondarios.

The others in the picture are J.U.S.T. defender Jim Kriaris, Marconi forward Peter Sharne and J.U.S.T. left back Andy Kazi, Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

See full report page 16.

Can Hellas do it this time?

South Melbourne Hellas will get its opportunity to make amends for its poor form in practice matches when it faces Footscray J.U.S.T. at Middle Park on Sunday, at 3 pm.

So far Hellas has lost 0-3 to Alexander 2-4 to West Adelaide Hellas away and last week 0-1 to West Adelaide at home.

It also had the indignity of being fined $500 with a $500 bond by the V.S.F, when the crowd invaded the ground during the match with Mooroolbark.

J.U.S.T, on the other hand has won two of its three games so far beating Alexander 1-0 and Marconi 2-1 at home and going down 0-2 to Marconi in Sydney.

On present form, J.U.S.T. must be fancied to win this encounter, especially with its tall rugged defenders Kazi, Kriaris, Kondarios, Parrott and newcomer Jim Milne in such commanding form.

Without Peter Ollerton, Hellas will have no one to penetrate J.U.S.T's back four.

Marconi will play Fitzroy Alexander at Marconi on Sunday, at 4 pm.

Alexander will use new recruits Branko Buljevic (ex JUST), Jim O'Reilly (ex Slavia), Bob Provan (ex Oberhausen Scotland), Jim McMorran (ex Aston Villa and Walsall), and if available, Jim Tansey (ex Slavia).

Alexander's next home practice match will be against Sydney Olympic at Fitzroy Oval on Sunday March 27, kicking off at 3 pm.

Making it official

J.A.T. manager Mike Vidic signs the agreement to sponsor Footscray J.U.S.T. for about $100,000 over the next three years. Looking on are his assistant manager, Rade Milanovic (left) and J.U.S.T. president Tony Kovac (right).

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SIZZLING SAINTS ON SHOW SATURDAY

St.George, already tipped to win the first Philips League championship, will go on display in Sydney tonight (Wednesday) and on Saturday.

Saints clash with Marconi at Marconi Oval at 7.30 p.m. tonight in the Rosso Antico Cup play-off for third place.

On Saturday at the Sydney Sports Ground, Saints clash with Western Suburbs in a TV dress rehearsal. The game starts at 3 p.m.

Coach **Manfred Schaefer** estimates that Saints have improved 50 per cent since losing 1-2 to Wests in the preliminary round of the Rosso Antico Cup three weeks ago.

Since then Saints beat Granville 7-0, Brisbane City 6-1 and Brisbane Lions 3-0 in Brisbane last Sunday.

Phil O'Connor, the star recruit from Wollongong, is Saints' best player at the moment.

Rudi Gnavi from Sydney Olympic is taking a little longer to settle in but for a period of about 15 minutes on Sunday he was so good that the crowd clapped every time he had the ball.

Carlos Mendez also had a tremendous game against Brisbane Lions and big **Neville Morgan** is even more deadly than last year because he's at least a yard faster.

Morgan has already attracted offers from Marconi, Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions but Schaefer says the big striker is not for sale.

Another player catching the eye is 18-year-old **Robbie O'Shea**, who's being described as a **George Harris** and **Harry Williams** rolled into one.

The way Saints have been playing, Williams, Harris and **Doug Utjesenovic** will find it hard to win back their places.

Williams and Harris are away with the national team and Utjesenovic is recovering from his knee injury. He's training again but it will take another four weeks before he can start vying for a place in the team.

St. George ran into spirited opposition against Brisbane Lions in front of 2500 people at Lions' stadium.

It took the Saints a full 41 minutes to score their first goal, through newcomer **Peter Hensman,** who played non-league soccer in England.

However, St. George's greater class became obvious after the break and there were times when its players strung 25 passes together without Lions getting a touch.

Hensman and **Neville Morgan** scored in the second half, to complete the 3-0 victory over **Les Scheinflug's** boys.

Actually, Lions were a little unlucky to lose by as much as three goals. They were awarded a penalty in the second half — but **Dave McQuire** saved the shot.

Saints' line-up was: Coe (McQuire); J. O'Shea (O'Connor), Coton, R. O'Shea, Grosse, (Hamilton); Mendez, Echeverria, Gnavi (Terry); Jankovic, Hensman, Aitken (Morgan).

Against Brisbane City the previous week, St. George had an easier game and won 6-1—but then City was still team-building.

It was 2-0 at half time and the scorers were: **Morgan, Brendan Grosse, Mendez, O'Connor, Mark Jankovic and Hensman. Ian Johnson** scored for City.

Saints' line-up in that match was: McQuire (Coe); Coton, J. O'Shea, Grosse (M. O'Shea), R. O'Shea; Gnavi, Echeverria (Hensman), Hamilton (Mendez); Morgan, Jankovic (Aitken), O'Connor.

St. George's talented squad will be added to soon by the arrival of **Gordon McGregor,** a 6ft. 2ins. striker from St. Johnstone in Scotland.—LAURIE SCHWAB

Sunderland, Belgium, now Wests

By ALAN ROSS

Pat Lowrie, Western Suburbs' latest acquisition, had just come from the spa at Ryde when I contacted him.

He was working out the aches from his first run, in which Wests accounted for **Jim Shoulder's** side 1-0 in a work-up game at the Marks Field.

Lowrie has had plenty of experience in English and Belgian First Division football, and has been a full-timer in professional football all his working life.

So let no Philips League team feel it can relax for a moment against Wests this season!

This 26-year-old striker made his First Division debut for Sunderland at 17, but after 30 first team appearances over five years he headed off to Antwerp.

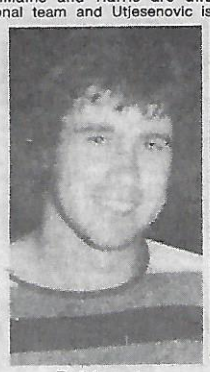
There he played for three full seasons as a regular first teamer for Royal Union.

The club is one of a group that usually competes for the balance of the placings behind leading lights CS Bruges, FC Bruges, Anderlecht and Standard Liege, and Pat enjoyed the football and the generous pay.

He next returned to England and Darlington, still as a full-timer, but pay packets in the English Third and Fourth Divisions are limited.

So he quickly responded to a call from his Darlington team-mate and longtime friend **Bobby Noble**, who was bound for Wests in Sydney.

Now both are establishing their names together in Australia.



Pat Lowrie

Wests have lacked classy finishers for years, but now they have Lowrie and **Graham Norris,** the Crystal Palace product who has been slamming in a hatful of goals in the South African National League, and also Southampton's **Mike Berry.**

Lowrie is a particularly good mate of England forward **Dennis Tueart** of Manchester City. They both came through the Sunderland ranks together.

He is also a former team mate of **Dave Watson** (Manchester City) and **Colin Todd** (Derby County), both England players, and **Billy Hughes.**

And he has a great respect for Australian coach **Jimmy Shoulder,** whom he classed as a left-back of outstanding potential until injury finished his career.

Strangely enough one of his early opponents was Australian captain Peter Wilson.

They clashed when Middlesbrough and Sunderland reserves met in their younger days.

Whether Lowrie takes a forward or a midfield role will depend upon Wests manager-coach **Mike Laing.**

As far as Pat is concerned, either will do.

Wife **Joan,** young daughter **Joanne** and Pat have moved into a home at Haberfield in the heart of Wests' territory.

Joan is no stranger to moving to wherever her footballer husband finds a club.

So, fans, watch out for Pat Lowrie. He has spent his entire working life scoring goals!

Sutherland waits for outcome

Sutherland v Croatia or Sutherland v Avala . . . take your pick of the Ampol Cup finalists for Marks Field on Sunday.

Either way, Sutherland is there for the first time, and its lively Irish-born striker Jim Herron will be back to throw more fire into the forward line.

Coach, former World Cup player, John Watkiss, will need to tighten the defence after last Sunday's performance.

Actual opposition will be known after Croatia and Avala meet mid-week to decide the second semi-finalist, as Sunday's game was abandoned at 0-0.

Assume that the State League form team Croatia goes into the final and you will see both Atti Abonyi and John Davies up front.

Abonyi is expected to fly in from Fiji in time for the final and travel-weary or not, he will have a lot to offer.

There is not another side in State League to touch Croatia, and it might not be out of place in better company.

Steve McDonald in midfield is revealing a deal of his pent-up promise.

Maurice Sullivan, Davies and Abonyi have the ability to tear many a defence to shreds.

Avala will be trying to upset calculations. It is a much changed team from the one that was Second Division premiers, and all bar handy goalkeeper Philip Ahrens are well versed in the game at State League level.

A Sutherland-Avala final would be close, but Sutherland's blend of experience and youth could carry the day.

VIOLENCE STOPS CROATIA SEMI

By ALAN ROSS

Biff first and soccer second was the order of precedence at Marks Field last Sunday, when the NSW Federation attempted to find its Ampol Cup finalists.

It got one leg in after 120 minutes' play when Sutherland eliminated Yugal 4-2, but even that game had its moments.

The trouble, incidentally, was not amongst the players, but in the crowd.

Referee **Brian Fowler** stormed off the field with two linesmen at heel, and only restarted play when officials, personally led by Federation president **Peter McCann,** assured him that they would attempt to pacify the hotheads.

Two offside decisions against Yugal and a play-on for "hands" had fanned the flames.

All this was a very insipid preliminary for what was to come.

Scarcely was the second match, Croatia v Avala, started than can throwing started on the terrace.

Sutherland's supporters were caught in between rival groups, who soon separated, but then the fighting started in earnest beside the ground and on the playing area itself.

The players kept playing until referee **Tim Davies** herded them to the dressing rooms for safety's sake.

Although punch-ups and whackings with palings continued with many hundreds involved, it appeared later that calm might be restored.

So few policemen were present that they had no hope of doing anything to abate the storm.

A restart might have led to further danger, so the game was abandoned.

It would not surprise if a big group of "fans", not known previously to be followers, had decided to cause trouble in the well-founded belief that police would be more intent on duties for the Royals elsewhere on the day.

The Federation announced a Monday night enquiry, and may get over their semi-final problem by playing off the teams tonight (Wednesday).

The Croatia-Avala game looked like developing well.

Croatia, minus striker **Atilla Abonyi** but with **John Davies,** might have proved the winner, but it would have found the going tough.

The early game did not provide Philips League standards by a long chalk, but the other aspects were chockful of interest.

Man of the game was little **Johnny Lavin,** back with Sutherland after playing for Wollongong City.

He saw one piledriver fisted over the bar by Yugal keeper **Andy Mandridis,** and laid on two short cross balls close to goal that resulted in early goals from **Mark Harrington** and **Craig Hall.**

Big **Andy Franic** came on for Yugal and netted one, but later he was debited with a stupidly executed handball from which Sutherland's **John McDonald** could score neither from his original shot nor the retake.

McDonald was only copying Mitchell Hesford, who missed an earlier penalty shot as well.

When **Bill Lupevski** snapped up an equaliser Yugal was back in the picture.

Sutherland, the "Nervous Nellies" of the day, proved their superiority by hemming Yugal deep in their own territory.

There was no inevitability about the goals, but they came in extra time from McDonald's header and then another from Harrington.

Sutherland 4 (Harrington 51 and 119 mins, Hall 57 min, McDonald 113 min). **Yugal** 2 (Franic 59 min, Lupevski 62 min).

Teams with player ratings out of 10:

Sutherland: Corry 7, R. Griffiths 6, Shuman 8, Watkiss 8, Wykes 6 (Hesford 4), McDonald 6, Hall 6, Lavin 8, Hammer 6 (P. Smith 5), Basterfield 6, Harrington 6.

Yugal: Mandridis 6, S. Trkulja 6, J. Trkulja 7, Zaknic 5, Prgomelja 4, Radovoiejevic 5, Bulakovski 5 (J. Alagich 7), Budzevski 5, Lupevski 7, M. Alagich 6, Karanfilovski 7.

Croatia v Avala match, abandoned at 0-0 after six minutes (Spectator interference):

Croatia: **D. Smith, Russell, G. Smith, Hadley, Wignall, Darvill, McDonald, I. Stone, Blackburn, Davies, Sullivan.**

Avala: **Ahrens, Doran, Spilarewicz, Okon, Hardy, Skoric, Krejza, Milovanovic, Morrow, Milajlovic, Griffiths.**

LIMA. — Peru trounced Ecuador 4-0 in a step closer to a place in the South American final group.

Peru now heads the group with four points in three games.

Chile, which drew at home last week with Peru 1-1, was in second place with three points after beating Ecuador 1-0 two weeks ago in Guavaquil.

TROUBLE OVER JOHN KOSMINA

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Juventus Adelaide president Charlie Caruso has been reported to the ASF by Polonia-Adelaide for having approached Polonia player John Kosmina about joining Juventus.

Yet many other clubs have also negotiated directly with Kosmina over the past few months.

Kosmina has signed with Juventus but a ridiculously high transfer fee may still prevent him from transferring.

Mr Caruso said this week: "We need a striker to round off our team and if we can't get Kosmina I'll go to Italy to get one.

"I've got something lined up there just in case. It'll cost a lot of money, but then so will Kosmina."

Meanwhile Juventus has signed Kosmina's fellow international **John Nyskohus** from Lion for about $8000.

Juventus has also signed midfielder **Ian Bendall** *from Granville (NSW),* **Gary Marocchi,** *the Australian international from Azzurri (WA) and* **Americo Tito** *from Portugal and* **Brian Northcote** *from Granville.*

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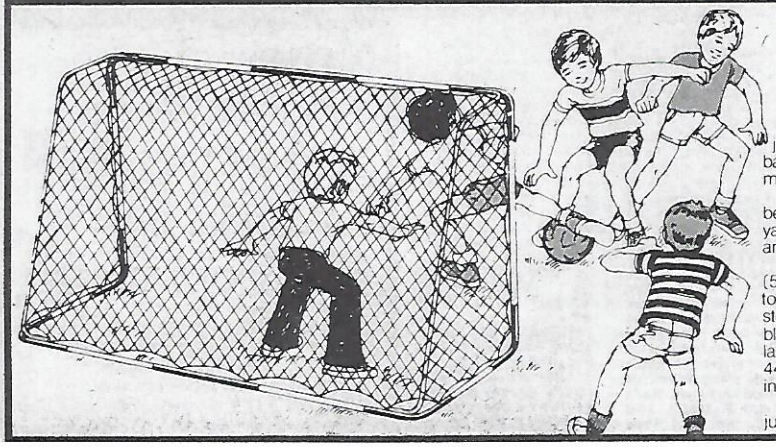

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Jim Rooney stars in World Cup win over Taiwan

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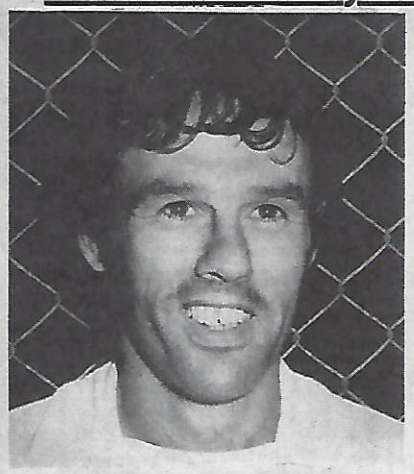

Jim Rooney — scored two goals.

BA, Fiji — If the sunshine of the past few days continues, Australia should score at least five goals in its return game against Taiwan tonight (Wednesday).

By TOM ANDERSON and AAP—reporter DOUG CONWAY

The Socceroos would then go into their home and away tie against New Zealand on March 27 and 30 with four points and an 8:0 goal difference.

Australia showed all its old sparkle and fire in beating Taiwan 3-0 last Sunday.

The victory broke the Socceroos' run of 11 games without victory.

With all the tension lifted off them, they are now full of confidence and are beginning to feel that despite the odds, they may qualify for Argentina after all.

Probably the most exciting aspect of Australia's victory over Taiwan was the superb form of midfielder **Jimmy Rooney** who scored two goals and could have got four.

Taiwan lined up with three stoppers, two sweepers and only one man up front.

It was an ultra-defensive set-up that failed miserably as the Socceroos quickly took over every facet of the game.

There will be no changes to the Socceroo team for today's return match.

The team is: Clarke; Harris, Wilson, Bennett, Williams; Rooney, Byrne, Muniz; Abonyi, Ollerton, Kosmina.

"I'll be disappointed if we don't repeat the performance and win by at least three goals," coach **Jim Shoulder** said.

"I certainly don't plan on conceding any goals and I'll be very upset if we do."

In Sunday's game forwards **John Kosmina** and **Atti Abonyi** found plenty of space up front and cut the Taiwanese defence to ribbons.

Rooney opened Australia's account in the eighth minute when he rammed home a left-footer from a sharp angle following a goal mouth scramble.

The Socceroos went two goals up in the 16th minute through a spectacular overhead kick from ABONYI.

Agenor Muniz floated a corner over and **Kosmina** headed the ball down on to the turf.

Abonyi, with his back to the goal, caught the ball on the rise and somersaulted as he sent the ball sailing into the net.

Despite continued pressure from the Australians, the score remained 2-0 at halftime.

Rooney, Gary Byrne and Muniz held an iron grip on the midfield while Australia's back four were rock solid although never really tested.

The Socceroos wasted no time in getting on with the job in the second half scoring their third goal after only a minute.

Muniz won a tackle just outside the penalty area, beat more men down the right wing and slotted a cross over the goal mouth. Rooney thundered in at the far post and took himself and the ball across the line.

Three minutes later Muniz curved the ball into the net but the shot was from an indirect free kick and was disallowed, because it went in without touching another player.

Taiwan made two substitutions in the second half while Australia's eleven was unchanged.

The only moment of danger for Australia came in the 75th minute when Wilson, the last man in defence, lost the ball to Taiwanese forward **Lee Down-Jia.**

The nippy Taiwanese forward, with a clear run at goal, was pulled back by the shirt by the Australian captain.

Wilson received a yellow card for his foul.

After the game coach Shoulder said: "We're very happy with the result. Three-nil in the first of your World Cup matches is a good start.

"A lot of the Taiwanese players are complaining about cramps and the difficulty they had with their breathing because of the high humidity.

"Certainly one or two of our players were very tired and that says a lot for the conditions because they were very very fit indeed going into the match."

Shoulder said the Taiwanese had cleared three or four shots off the line and the Australians had also hit the woodwork twice.

Referring to Rooney, Shoulder said: "I would say he was the man of the match."

"Apart from his two goals he had a third effort cleared off the line. He never stopped working.

"I think other players that deserve a mention would be **George Harris** . . . he defended very, very well . . . **Col Bennett** who gave his usual 90 minutes and the two lads up front, **John Kosmina** and **Peter Ollerton** who did an awful lot of graft for little reward at the end."

Shoulder added that Jimmy Rooney had been boasting that he wasn't the smallest man on the field: "The tiny Taiwanese made him feel six feet tall," Shoulder said.

Taiwan's coach **Law Pak** said his team had concentrated on defence but this had been a dismal failure.

New Zealand coach **Wally Hughes,** who flew in to see the match, said he was impressed with the Socceroos.

The game was played in miserable weather before a crowd of about 10,000, which was fewer than organisers had hoped for.

There had been a possibility that heavy rain would cause the match to be postponed.

But Fijian officials worked miracles to make the Ba ground playable after almost a week of torrential rain.

The small but speedy Taiwanese had been unimpressive in their build-up matches here and gave themselves little chance of success.

They scrambled a 2-2 draw against Fiji in Suva and after trailing 2-0, drew 3-3 with the local Lautoka side.

Australia had played Taiwan only once previously, for a 3-1 victory in Hong Kong in 1965.

World Cup qualifying match in Fiji: AUSTRALIA 3 (Rooney 2, Abonyi) TAIWAN 0.

Australia's team last Sunday, with player ratings out of 10:

Todd Clarke 6; George Harris 6, Peter Wilson 7, Col Bennett 7, Harry Williams 7; Jimmy Rooney 9, Agenor Muniz 6, Gary Byrne 6; Attila Abonyi 7, Peter Ollerton 6, John Kosmina 6.

FACES WERE RED

The national squad had an embarrassing setback before leaving for Fiji to play its World Cup games against Taiwan.

The Socceroos lined up for a practice match against Western Suburbs in Sydney, and lost 0-1.

WORLD CUP ROUND-UP

Hong Kong home, Israel advances

SINGAPORE, — Hong Kong won the Asian Group One world cup preliminary competition when it beat Singapore 1-0 in the final here.

The Hong Kong players, who each earned 10,000 Hong Kong dollars (about 1,800 Aust dollars) for the victory, will now go forward to meet the winners of the three other Asian groups and the winner of the Oceania group which includes Australia.

In group matches last week, Indonesia thrashed Singapore 4-0 after having been beaten 3-2 by Thailand.

Hong Kong qualified for the final after drawing 1-1 with Malaysia.

Tournament standings before the final:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hong Kong	4	2	2	0	9	5	6
Singapore	4	2	2	0	9	5	6
Malaysia	4	1	2	1	7	6	4
Indonesia	4	1	1	2	7	7	3
Thailand	4	1	0	3	8	12	2

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TEL AVIV. — Israel defeated Japan 2-0 in their second World Cup qualifying match in Group Two of the Asian Zone.

The Israelis led 1-0 at half time.

Oded Nachness scored the first goal in the fourth minute and **Vicky Peretz** got the second goal in the 54th minute.

Israel also won the first match between the two countries by 2-0, and its only remaining match is against South Korea in Seoul.

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DOHA, QATAR. — Kuwait beat Bahrain 2-0 in their World Cup Asian Group Four, qualifying match here today.

Half-time: 2-0.

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RIO DE JANEIRO. — Brazil beat Colombia 6-0 in their World Cup qualifying match here.

Scorers were Roberto in the 15th and 31st minute, **Zico** in the 25th. **Marinho** in the 41st and 55th minutes, and **Rivelino** in the 89th.

Almost 200,000 people filled the Maracana stadium here to watch the match.

Four days later Brazil strengthened its bid for the finals by beating Paraguay 1-0.

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LA PAZ. — Bolivia beat Venezuela 2-0 here to qualify for the South American zone finals of the World Cup.

The Bolivians led 2-0 at halftime.

Tansey takes oath in Fiji

NADI, — Jim Tansey, who was left behind because of a naturalisation problem when the Australian team left Sydney on its World Cup trip to Fiji will be naturalised here today (Wednesday).

English-born Tansey was selected in the original 18-man squad but it was discovered only days before the squad left that he was ineligible to play.

Tansey, 23 a utility defender, will be flown from Nadi to the Australian High Commission in Suva for a naturalisation ceremony this morning.

He will then be a substitute for Australia's second match against Taiwan today.

His absence from the squad had left holes in the Team's defence.

There were only four defenders in the squad and injury to any one of them would have meant a drastic reshuffle in the Australian Line up.

Greece, Italy.

Overseas results:

GREECE

AEK 1, Olympiakos 0; Atromitos 0, OFI 1; Yannina 0, Panserraikos 2; Ethnikos 2, Pierikos 1; Kastoria 3, Panathinaikos 2; Panathilikos 1, Iraklis 1; Panachaiki 0, Kavala 2; Panionios 2, Apollon 0; Paok 2, Aris 0.

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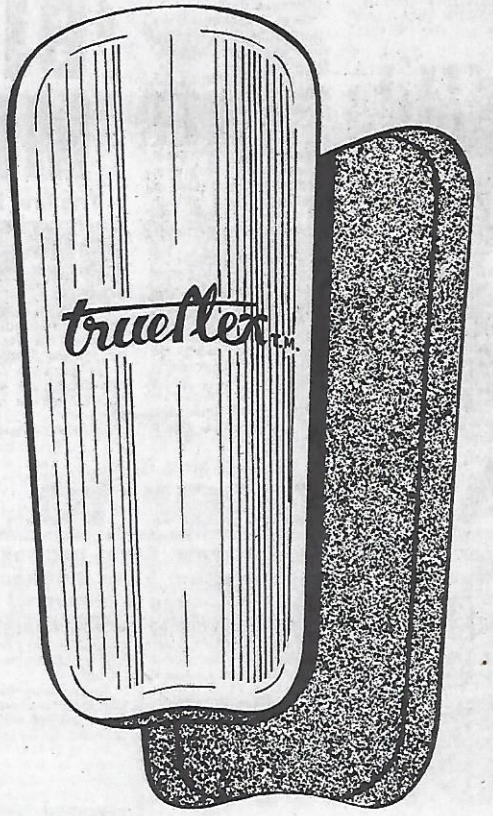

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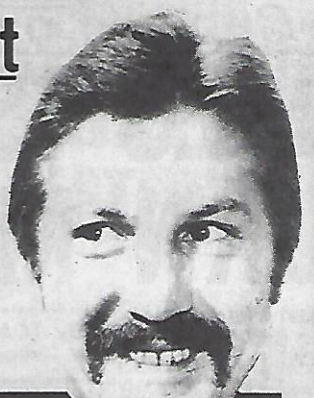

KNUT WERNER

This is the team that was. No, let me rephrase that, this is the team that's not.

Or is it the team that used to be, but now is no longer?

Then again, it could be the long team that was never there in the first place.

But then again is it, or was it a team in the first place?

These questions and many more must now be asked, or should we ask the answers and forget the questions altogether?

Life, as we know, was not meant to be easy.

The general consensus with soccer people in the know is that **Ron Smith** made a boo-boo.

Now Mr. Smith should know, as all great team selectors should and probably do know, that the prime requisite in the art of choosing a side is in the equipment used.

It is absolutely imperative that the darts are straight and their flight true.

Otherwise we have a situation whereby the slightest imbalance of the feathers or a gust of wind at an inappropriate moment could have disastrous consequences.

As the name of the game is getting an enormous crowd at every match, incorrect selection could end up with the drawing power of Big Fat Irving, the hundred and forty-second fastest gun in the West.

South Australia, not a squad famous for breaking attendance records, needs all the help it can get to prevent Olympic Park from impersonating Sturt's Stony Desert.

Indeed the flight of a dart in the hand of an amateur can result in a team of 10 unknowns and a broad from the Broadmeadows flying women's squad.

Or — 10 broads from Broadmeadows and a flighty unknown male from Koo-Wee-Rup.

This situation would cause advanced consternation among the wives of the Soccer Press Association. Being a band of gallivanters, (the SPA, not the wives) they are not known at the best of times to vacate the dressing rooms after a match.

So one could imagine what several acres of female flesh would do the the members of the Press.

"Send these, the homeless, the tempest-tossed to me . . ." said the America's Statue of Liberty.

And in private she continued: "Send me also the sick, tired, crippled, and out-of-form soccer players . . ."

A great and magnanimous plea. And that is what we should do, send them to America, not to Olympic Park.

Send to Olympic Park the strong, virile, healthy and in-form soccer players.

Send them so they can attract a strong, healthy crowd of followers.

A crowd of mega-thousands, whose voice, in unison, will drift in great waves of enthusiasm across that chasm of green grass and infiltrate the M.C.G., driving the night watchman to desertion.

Failing this Mr. Smith could have selected Mickey Mouse, that well known rodent neuter.

This creature is always good for a few thousand spectators, and no problem in the dressing room.

Now that we have truly shafted coach Smith, the poor man has more problems.

Not only does no-one agree with his selections, the heavies of the National League have told him he can't use his selections.

Or, more correctly, he can use them but he cannot have them for training.

So what can coach Smith do?

He can have untrained rabble and a couple of thousand onlookers.

Or he can turn to State League and metropolitan players and practise creative echo singing.

Then again he could select a team of 600 and place the reserve players in strategic positions around the ground.

And to stop it from being a total financial disaster, it might not be too late to get the hot-dog concession.

P.S: Contrary to all rumours, I was not at the Kellor Austria Schuetzenfest on Friday night. Apparently there was some drunk there who carries a remarkable resemblance to me.

Although he has good taste, I will not be impersonated.

Gray's best

LONDON. —Aston Villa striker Andy Gray has been voted Player of the Year and Young Player of the Year **By The English Professional Footballers' Association.**

The 21-year-old Scottish international is currently the First Division's joint top scorer with 24 goals.

Runners-up for the award were **Ian Callaghan** and **Kevin Keegan of Liverpool, George Armstrong** of Arsenal, **Trevor Francis** of Birmingham and **Mick Mills** of Ipswich. — AAP

This was the State squad

Peter Laumets (Makedonia) · Keith Adams (Ringwood) · Arthur Xanthopoulos (Hellas) · Bob Provan (Alexander)

Jim Tansey (Alexander) · Jim O'Reilly (Alexander) · John Gardiner (Essendon) · Joe Picioane (J.U.S.T.)

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'BIG FOUR' BAN THEIR MEN FROM VIC TEAM

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The first National League v. State clash occurred in Victoria last week when the four National League clubs withdrew their players from the State squad.

New State coach **Ron Smith** had scheduled the first State training session for tonight (Wednesday) in preparation for Victoria's game against South Australia on April 11.

Thirteen of the 16 State players came from the National League clubs — J.U.S.T., Alexander, Mooroolbark and Hellas.

They were withdrawn after a meeting at Soccer House last Friday.

Apparently the National League representatives said their players could be used in the State team but that they would not be available for State training before the first National League matches on April 2.

They added that the league would discuss its attitude to providing players for State squads at a meeting on March 25.

Ron Smith must now choose a new squad made up entirely of State League and perhaps Metropolitan League players.

It will be a squad without the top names in Victorian soccer, meaning the game against South Australia is likely to be a financial disaster.

Smith's original squad was a puzzling one to say the least.

Notable omissions were **Branko Buljevic, Jimmy Mackay, Jim Kondarios, Mike Pye and Duncan Cummings.**

The only possible explanation was that Smith is pursuing a new youth policy.

The State squad was: **Peter Laumets** (Makedonia); **Keith Adams** (Ringwood); **Bob Provans, Jim Tansey, Jim O'Reilly, Gary Cole, Peter Blasby** (Alexander); **Arthur Xanthopoulos, Peter Ollerton, Chris Kalafatidis** (Hellas); **John Gardiner** (Essendon); **Joe Picioane, Mendo Ristovski, Zoran Ilioski** (J.U.S.T.): **Graham French, Dave Rigby** (Mooroolbark).

South Australia's squad has not yet been announced but it will almost certainly include Socceroos **John Kosmina** (Polonia) and **John Nyskehus** (Lion) plus former Hakoah Sydney forward **Graham Honeyman** (Hellas), goalkeeper **Yakka Banovic,** midfielder **Neil McGachey** and perhaps **Bugsey Nyskehus** (Lion) and **John Perin** (Juventus).

Honeyman scored South Australia's goal in its recent 1-6 loss to Red Star, in which goalkeeper **Banovic** put on a great performance.

Victoria's 1976 record was:

v. Velez Mostar 2-2-,

John Kosmina

abandoned second half due to crowd violence.

Goals: Ollerton, Ristovski.

Team: Reilly, Kazi, Xanthopoulos, Kondarios, Tansey, Kriaris, Gibson (Cummings 61st.), Bourne, Ristovski, Ollerton, Vojtek.

v. South Australia 1-2.

Goals: Victoria: French; SA: Leane pen., Kolecki.

Team: Reilly; Pye, Xanthopoulos, Kondarios, Tansey, Mackay (Rigby), Bourne (Vaughan), Kriaris, Ristovski, French, Buljevic.

v. Tottenham Hotspur 1-3.

Goal: Bernard.

Team: Reilly; Pye, Xanthopoulos, Kondarios, Tansey, Bernard (Ristovski), Mackay, Bourne (Rigby), Gibson, Ollerton, Boljevic.

v. Bologna 0-4.

Team: Reilly; Kazi, Xanthopoulos, Kondarios, Tansey (Petrov ½ time); Gibson (Sabldussi 80th.), Mackay, Bernard, Cummings (French ½ time), Ollerton, Buljevic.

v. Italian Army 1-2.

Goal: Buljevic.

Team: Harby; Pye, Xanthopoulos, Kondarios, Tansey, Gardiner, O'Reilly, Lerch, Palinkas (Cummings 85th.), French, Buljevic.

v. Atromites 1-1.

Goal: French penalty.

Team: Clarke; Pye, Xanthopoulos, Kondarios, Tansey, Bourne, Mackay, Wagstaff (Gibson ½ time); Ristovski (Cummings ½ time), Ollerton, French

An honor to be left out!

After many years in the game, I could surprise me any more, but I was beginning to think that nothing had the shock of my life when I saw the Victorian squad that was selected, or should I say, hurriedly thrown together, for the interstate match against South Australia.

By LES SHORROCK

With a couple of honorable exceptions, it was the most ludicrous, ill-conceived hotch-potch collection that I had seen assembled together, even in Victoria.

So bad was this selection that it was an honour to be left out and almost an insult to be included.

Of the four departments in the squad, I could level no criticism at the two goalkeepers, **Laumets** and **Blasby,** or at the midfield of **Rigby, Gardiner** and **O'Reilly.**

But the rest . . . well, take the back men for a start.

Keith Adams is in terrible form, as you would expect, since his team has conceded nine goals in three Ampol Cup matches so far. **Chris Kalafatidis** hasn't won back his club place yet. **Bob Provan** has been seen by State coach **Ron Smith** once to my knowledge, and he had an ordinary game.

Alan Parrott is a better full-back than **Keith Adams** and **Kriaris** and **Kondarios** are still playing, in case Smith wants to know.

Then there was the amazing case of **"Butch" Kokoska's** omission.

Peter Ollerton generously admitted last season that Kokoska (who won last season's "Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award", was the most difficult opponent he had faced, and he should know, because on the two occasions that Sunshine thrashed Hellas, Peter didn't get a kick.

Graham French has not and will not play for Mooroolbark.

He's on the transfer list and will probably be in Sydney on trial for Marconi when the interstate match is played.

Gary Cole is also bang out of form, but that's about par for this lot.

Now look at the players who have been left out: **Branko Buljevic** who recently went to Alexander for a record $12,000 fee; **Duncan Cummings,** another five-figure man — and only 19 years old; **Tommy Cumming** who scored 14 goals last year; **Carl Gilder** of Slavia; **Jed Bannon** of Juventus and what about **Billy Wilkinson** of George Cross?

Lest this should be thought to be one man's opinion, I rang a couple of coaches and asked them what they thought of the squad, but, alas, the opinions weren't printable.

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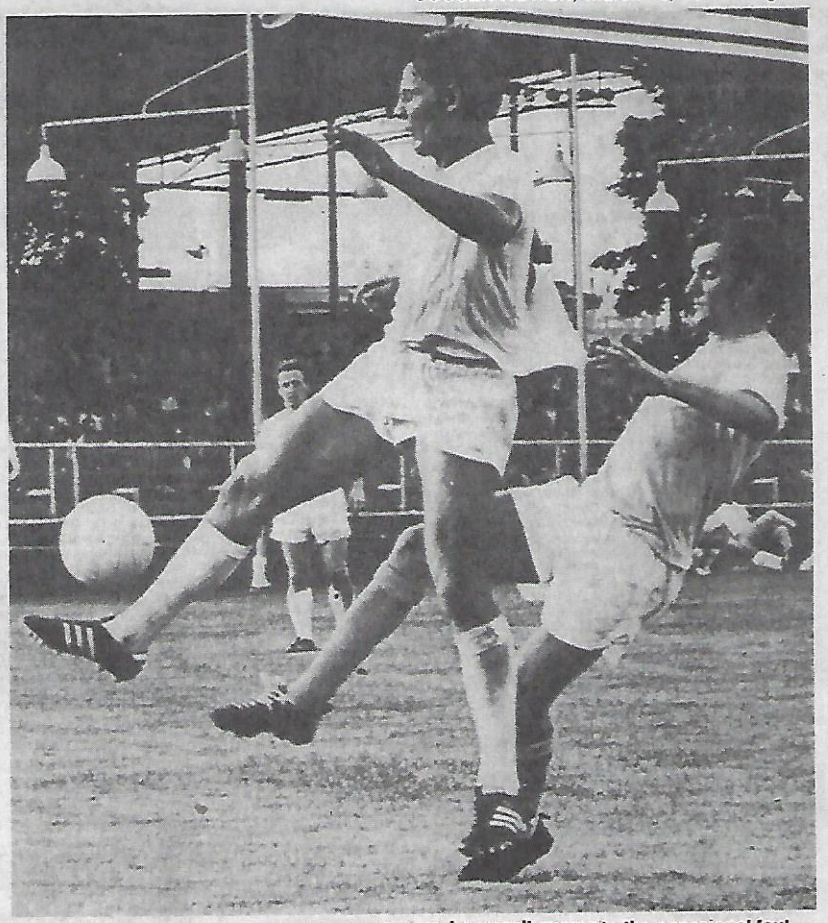
Whatever happened to Ray's testimonial?



Ray Baartz was a thorough professional — so he wasn't averse to the occasional foul — like pulling the shirt of St. George's Geoff Bird.

About two years ago there was a lot of talk about staging a testimonial match for Ray Baartz against English club Fulham.

The proposed match made headlines in the Sydney papers but to this day, there has been no sign of Fulham and no more talk of Baartz's testimonial.

What has happened?

Obviously the Fulham tour fell through, but surely some other match could have served as a testimonial.

Did the ASF mean business or was it just talk to placate the public which believed Baartz should have been honored in some way?

RALE RASIC

As you will recall, Ray Baartz's career was cut short when he was seriously injured by a "karate chop" in Australia's match against Uruguay at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1974.

He was partly paralysed for a while as he lay in hospital and he still counts himself lucky for having made an almost total recovery.

But the fact remains that his career was ended by injury in a game for Australia.

For this reason, I believe Australia owes him something.

Baartz is one of the finest players we have had. He was one of the personalities who helped lift the national team into the spotlight during the World Cup games of 1969 and 1974-74.

Baartz himself is disappointed that the proposed testimonial match was never played.

However, he doesn't like to talk too much about it because he's not one for pushing his own barrow.

"I thought at the time that it would be nice to be honored with a testimonial match but if I deserve it, then fellows like **Johnny Warren** and **Manfred Schaefer** who gave so much service to the national team, deserve it too," Baartz said.

"I doubt that my testimonial match will ever be played. It was three years ago that I was forced out through injury and if you're going to put on something, you do it when it's fresh in people's minds, not three years later."

John Barclay, who was team manager of the Socceroos for the 1973-74 games, said this week: "Ray Baartz is one of the greatest servants Australian soccer has had.

"It's a tragedy that we lost him and a testimonial match for him is certainly overdue.

"His soccer earnings were cut off due to his injury and I believe we're honor-bound to do something for him although, in fairness, the ASF did take him along to the World Cup in West Germany."

Baartz now runs a sports store in Newcastle and although he seems as active as the next fellow, he still suffers a few after-effects from his injury.

For example, he cannot exert himself physically, otherwise he gets headaches and other symptoms.

Baartz rarely sees international matches these days, although he represented his country 48 times. The reasons are that he lives in Newcastle and that the ASF has never invited him, or any of the other former internationals.

However, Baartz is keeping his fingers crossed that Australia again qualifies for the World Cup finals.

"Everyone's knocking the fact that we only drew with Israel recently and that we played poorly in those matches," he says. "But if we can draw while not playing well, what will happen when we do play well?

"Australia will improve over the qualifying series. Let's not forget that we were thrown in against Red Star and Israel at a time when most of the players weren't fully fit.

"Yet it will still be very hard to qualify for Argentina.

"Iran will be our biggest hurdle if it turns out that we have to meet in a qualifying match It's a terrifying experience playing over there.

"Also, New Zealand is a bit of a bogey team. They play very unsettled football which is hard to contend with, as we found out in 1973."

Underdogs no longer

Canberra City, Brisbane Lions and to a lesser extent, Fitzroy Alexander, were rated among the underdogs of the Philips League until only a few weeks ago.

The situation has since changed dramatically.

Alexander has made the biggest strides forward. In fact, the Greek club from Melbourne could give the league a hell of a shake.

It has bought **Jim O'Reilly** and **Jim Tansey** from Slavia, **Branko Buljevic** from **J.U.S.T., Bob Provan** from Scotland and is expecting **Dimitri Papaiannou** from Greece as well as **Jim McMorran,** a midfielder from Aston Villa, plus a goalscorer from Scotland.

I estimate Alexander must have spent $30,000 already and will probably end up with a bill totalling $50,000 — an amount no other club in the league is planning to spend.

Obviously Alexander means business.

Canberra is still being underestimated — yet it is starting to look a very sound outfit, featuring **John** and **Brian Stoddart, John Davies,** who still has a few transfer problems to iron out, and three players from Argentina, not to mention **Ivica Grujicic** from Essendon Lions.

Add the experience of coaches **Johnny Warren** and **Vic Fernandez** and, to my way of thinking, you have a club capable of going places.

As for Brisbane Lions, under astute coach **Les Scheinflug,** there is no way they can still be regarded as underdogs.

Having signed Socceroo **Col Bennett** from APIA, Scheinflug recently added three international players from New Zealand.

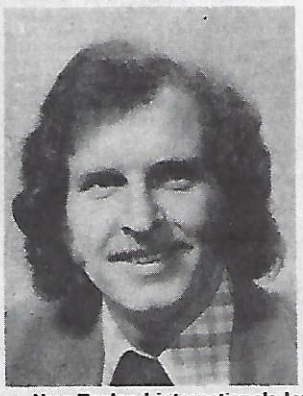
They are **Roy Drinkwater,** a former member of the Kiwis' national team; **Philip Dando**, the present national goalkeeper and **Ian Park**, the national team left back.

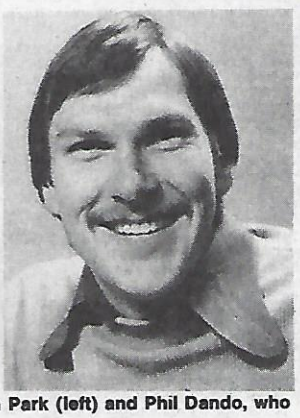
Dando 24, was once on the books of Liverpool and played on loan to Barrow. In New Zealand he played for Nelson United and Christchurch United. Dando first represented NZ in 1973 against Iran.

Ian Park, 25, was a professional for Preston in England and, like Dando, started his international career against Iran in 1973. Although usually a full back, he played two seasons as a striker for Christchurch United and both years was the club's top scorer.

Brisbane's midfield experience will be provided by former Celtic star **Willie Henderson**, currently playing in Hong Kong.

Next week I will discuss some of the oher Philips League clubs.





New Zealand internationals Ian Park (left) and Phil Dando, who have joined Brisbane Lions.

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May 7	Nobels	Away	
14	1st Round Dockerty-Reserve Cup		
21	Prahran	Home	
28	South Yarra	Away	
June 4	2nd Round Dockerty-Reserve Cup		
11	South Melbourne	Home	
18	Brighton	Home	
25	3rd Round Dockerty-Reserve Cup		
July 2	Nobels	Home	
9	Heidelberg	Away	
16	Moreland	Home	
23	International Match		
30	Prahran	Away	
Aug. 6	1st Semi Final		
13	South Yarra	Home	
20	South Melbourne	Away	
27	2nd Semi Final		
Sept. 3	Brighton	Away	
10	Postponed Games		
17	Cup Final		
24	Cup Final or Other Match		

Hakoah Juniors play Curtain Raiser to 1st XI.
Ground :— Olympic Park

RESERVES FIXTURES

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Ground :— Princes Park (University End)

Hakoah 50 YEARS OLD

STEPHEN KALUS

Followers of Hakoah-St. Kilda will be pleased to know that the club is this year, celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Formed in 1927 by a group of prominent Melbourne citizens, Hakoah, during its half century of existence, has had its fair share of ups and downs, but has managed to keep its identity, being always in the top company of Victorian soccer.

The Hakoah membership card (pictured) for season 1938, shows the activities of the club in the late thirties.

In the late fifties and sixties Hakoah had many hard workers and was very well represented in the soccer world. The late **Charlie Hay** was a prominent personality with the Victorian Soccer Federation and the late **Jack Jacobs** was another man devoted to the club. He didn't mind digging deep into his pockets when-ever the club was in need.

Hakoah, like every other State League club in Victoria, is facing its toughest year yet.

With the formation of the national league and the loss of the money-spinners, Hellas and Alexander, there is no doubt that the Middle parkers will have more financial problems.

But the morale of this old club will remain very high as long as the administration is in the hands of such capable personalities like **Fred Halperin, Keith Korman, Walter Pollak, John Chaskiel, Ron Berger, Fred Weiden, Michael Dudek, Kurt Defris** and many other devoted workers.

The Victorian and NSW branches of the Australian Soccer Press Association have initiated an Australia-wide best player award.

Journalists from Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra will also help with voting for the award.

The award, almost certain to go to a Philips League player, is the second to be announced for the best player of the Philips League.

"Soccer Action" and Yugoslav Airlines announced last week that their award would carry a prize of two return tickets to Europe.

Meet the big league coaches

Among the most important men in the Philips League which kicks off on April 2 will be the coaches. Here is a run-down on some of them:.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS

Manny Poulakakis of Nunawading, Melbourne.

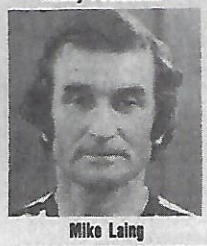
Born in Egypt, age 52, married, arrived in Australia 1961.

Played as a goalkeeper in Egypt and Greece and for Red Star in France, under captain-coach Herrera.

Fluent in Italian, Egyptian, Greek, French and English, he coached in France, Egypt and Syria before coming to Australia.

Holder of English FA Grade One coaching certificate, he has coached Hellas at various times, won the Australia Cup with George Cross and also coached Hakoah Melbourne, Hakoah Sydney, Auburn (Sydney), Juventus (Melbourne), Pan Hellenic, Alexander and the Victorian State team.

Manny Poulakakis



Mike Laing

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

Cedo Cirkovic of Elwood, Melbourne.

Born Yugoslavia, age 40, married, arrived in Australia 1965.

Started playing career with Red Star juniors, then had three years with Sloboda before joining Crem in Second Division.

Played for J.U.S.T. 1965-1970.

Coached J.U.S.T. in 1968 and from 1972 until now. Also coached Alexander in 1971.

Believes in continental style of play and is a genius in developing young players.

ADELAIDE CITY (JUVENTUS)

Edmund Kreft of Athelstone, SA.

Born Poland, 4.11.27. married, arrived in Australia 1961.

Believes strongly in European style football.

Played 12 seasons league football in Poland and four years with Polonia SA.

Represented South Australia.

Coached juniors in Poland 1956-1960. Since has coached Polonia SA for five years, Juventus SA for six seasons and had five years as SA state coach.

Twice his teams have won SA 1st Div., six times Federal Cup and twice Ampol Cup.

WESTERN SUBURBS

Mike Laing of Five Dock, Sydney.

Born London, England. Age 38, married, arrived Australia first time 1972.

Wants intelligent players in his team.

Played for Derby, Chesterfield and Bournemouth, also Stevenage Town as player-coach.

Was national coach of Saudi Arabia — responsible to HRH Prince Abdullah Faisal.

National coach West Indies 1970 — including World Cup.

Coached Man Co., Denmark.

English staff coach and coach to England Youth.

Rale Rasic

Archie Campbell

Mike Johnson

Cedo Cirkovic

Edmund Kreft

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS

Mike Johnson

Believes in winning.

Born England 4.10.40. Married, arrived Australia first time 1963.

Played English 1st Div. for Fulham, Newcastle and 2nd Div. Brighton.

English FA coach, Australian staff coach, manager - coach Sutherland, St. George Budapest. Won NSW 2nd Div. with Sutherland.

HAKOAH

Gerry Chaidi

Born Israel, 14.8.35, married, arrived in Australia 1976.

Played 26 internationals for Israel. Played Hakoah Melb. 1960.

Coached in Israel for six years.

MOOROOLBARK

Archie Campbell, Croydon, Vic.

Born Dundee, Scotland, 2.5.39. Married. two children, arrived Australia 1962.

Played Tottenham Hotspurs and East Fife, in Australia for George Cross, Ringwood and Mooroolbark.

Represented Victoria 12 times.

Coached Ringwood as assistant to Bobby Collins, Bayswater and Mooroolbark.

Belief: to give public value for money by providing entertaining soccer.

ST. GEORGE

Manfred Schaefer, Cabramatta, NSW.

Born Germany, 12.2.43. Married, arrived Australia 1954.

Played record 400 games for St. George, 26 for NSW, 49 for Australia.

Retired after 1974 World Cup in Germany.

Coached St. George part time 1975, full time manager coach 1976. NSW Premiers 1976.

Beliefs: attractive soccer, more goals, winning all important, no place for second best.

BRISBANE LIONS (HOLLANDIA)

Les Scheinflug, Richland, QLD.

Born Yugoslavia 1.10.38. Married, arrived Australia 2.4.54.

Played Sydnev 1st Div. Prague 1957 - 1968, Marconi 1968-71. Represented NSW and Australia. Captained Australia.

Coached Marconi 1969, winning Div. 2. Coached five 1st Div clubs 1970-77 — Canterbury, Croatia, Safeway, Western Subs and Marconi.

Coached NSW five seasons, assistant World Cup coach to Rale Rasic

Believes in European style of soccer.

BRISBANE CITY (AZZURRI)

Iain Kesson, Yeronga, QLD.

Born Glasgow, Scotland 12.5.37. Married, arrived Australia March 1968.

Played Scottish junior for Pollok, also 1st Div. Atheneum League, Maidenhead Utd.

Coached Germania five years, Queensland three times, Qld. Staff coach five years.

Senior Australian badge, Coach of Year 1974-5.

Belief: Skilful soccer, hard work and dedication the only way.

MARCONI

Rale Rasic of Greenacre, NSW.

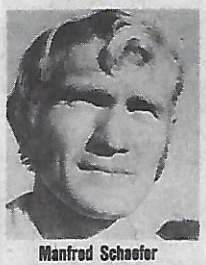
Born Yugoslavia 26.12.35. Married, arrived Australia 1963.

Played nine years Yugoslavian 1st Div. Vojvodina and Spartak, Yugoslav u.23 International 1953-54.

Played Footscray J.U.S.T., coached J.U.S.T., Melbourne, St. George, Marconi and Australia from 1970-74.

Member World Coaches Organisation, Argentinian and Yugoslav Coaches Fed. Phys Ed. Degree.

Information about **Jim Adam** (Alexander), **Bruce Stowell** (Olympic) and **Johnny Warren** (Canberra) will be supplied later.



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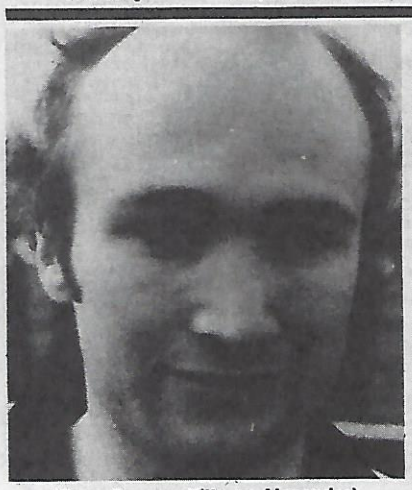


Vince Bannon (Fitzroy-Alexander)

Pat Bannon (Fitzroy-Alexander)

And there's another one back home!

You thought Jed Bannon was the last of the Bannon brothers, right?

Well, you're wrong.

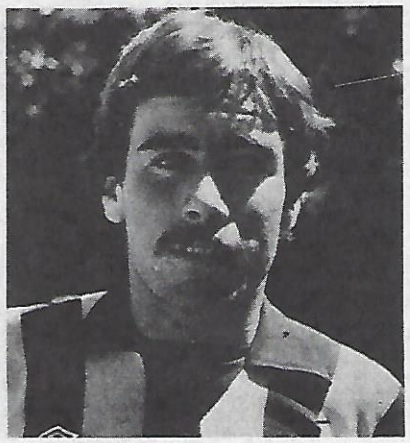
There's yet another one.

His name is Eamon and at 18 he's the youngest of the four.

He's also got the best soccer credentials, as he's played the last four games in the senior team of Hearts in the Scottish Premier League.

Vince and Pat Bannon both won Rothmans Medals with Alexander and Jed Bannon arrived recently to join Juventus.

Perhaps we'll see Eamon one day too.



Jed Bannon (Juventus)

Violence ends Kiwis' game against New Caledonians

Auckland — Amid scenes of violence, shouting, threats and abuse, the international match between New Caledonia and Australia's World Cup opponent, New Zealand, was abandoned after 43 minutes play here, with New Zealand leading 4-0.

The trouble, which simmered almost from the start, erupted four minutes from half time when referee **Les Coffman** ordered New Caledonia player **Pierre Wacopo** off for kicking a New Zealand player.

It happened when New Zealand formed a defensive wall as a New Caledonian player prepared to take a free kick.

Wacopo went only a few metres and then stopped. Mr. Coffman waved him off again and a number of the tourists ran to Mr. Coffman asking him to reconsider. He waved for play to resume but was jostled by the irate New Caledonians.

One New Caledonian tried to grab the referee's neck and another pushed him and it continued till Mr. Coffman signalled the end of the game and a police officer helped him from the field.

A New Caledonian player threatened a photographer with a chair and even when it was announced that gate money would be refunded the crowd remained.

Said the leader of the tourists, New Caledonian Soccer Federation secretary **Daniel Matsuoko:** "I did not think that our player should have been sent off. Our players maintained that the New Zealand players kicked out first."

But Mr. Coffman said he was disturbed that no New Caledonian official offered to sort things out. He said that he had no complaint against the New Zealand players.

Auckland soccer authorities later [illegible]

New Zealand midfielder Brian Turner — he'll be a tough opponent in Australia's two World Cup matches against the Kiwis on March 27 and 30.

between New Zealand and New Caledonia.

Officials from the French territory sought to have a second game staged in Auckland last Friday, but an emergency meeting of the AFA Control Board decided "no."

New Zealand coach **Wally Hughes** said afterwards he was upset at losing an opportunity of further international match practice.

The sudden end to the game even before half-time was called was a bitter blow to the New Zealanders who scored their four goals in 35 minutes.

They ignored the bustling tactics of the New Caledonians and got on with the job of producing their best football for some time.

Jumping into the attack from the start the New Zealanders were a goal up after seven minutes and maintained a positive approach to the game throughout.

Keith Nelson scored two of the team's four goals, and was ably supported by a **Campbell-Weymouth-Taylor** line.

Midfielder **Brian Turner** and **R. Armstrong,** the left full-back, showed they are near top form.

Action from the Juventus v Makedonia game. From left: Lou Sannipoli, John McQuade (No. 9), Fausto Tarquimo, Pat Della Rocca, Brian Flaherty, Uli Pfizterer — who will get that ball?

Goal by Beech turns the tide

By LAURIE SCHWAB

A fine goal by Steve Beech brought a sudden change over Makedonia's Ampol Cup game against Juventus.

Before that, there seemed no way that Juventus could lose.

Its midfield and defence were playing soundly and although it was leading by only one goal, it should have scored a lot more.

In fact a ball from **Dine DeMarchi** in the 15th. minute should definitely have been ruled a goal. I was standing right behind the net and I saw more than half the ball across the goal line.

The chance had been set up for DeMarchi by **Bruno Sabidussi** who had a great match.

Sabidussi struck again within minutes, beating goalkeeper **Peter Laumet** with a shot that went centimetres wide.

In the 27th. minute Sabidussi put Juventus into the lead, slamming home a short clearance by Frank McAleer who was later to limp off with a recurrence of the leg injury which he sustained shortly after his arrival from Scotland a few weeks ago.

Before the goal by Sabidussi, Juventus had had other chances to score.

First there was a brilliant lob by **Lou Sannipoli** into the path of **Mainenti** who missed the ball altogether, and then there was another fine pass from Sabidussi to DeMarchi who shot wide of Laumets but also milimetres wide of goal.

That was the scene up to half time. Juventus was clearly in command.

Makedonia, on the other hand, was disorganised in midfield, meaning little use was made of the speed of forwards John McQuade, Steve Beech and Brian Flaherty.

If Makedonia was getting ay drive at all, it was coming from the two full backs, Steve Trajkovski and Lube Petrovski.

In fact, it was Trajkovski who was partly responsible for the equalising goal eight minutes from the end.

As he had done so many times, he built up a good attack on the right flank. This time he cut inside and angled a long pass through the Juventus defence to **Beech** on the left flank. Beech hit it first time past **Mike Harby** and the Makedonia fans roared with excitement.

The goal gave the Makedonia players new heart and new determination. For the next five or six minutes the team really buzzed, while the Juventus defenders lost all concentration.

McQuade out-ran **Uli Pfisterer** in a race towards goal and it was only the courage of Harby, diving at McQuade's feet, that prevented a goal.

But the rampaging forwards would not give in.

Five or six Makedonian players took part in the next attack which pulled Juventus centre backs **Pat Della Rocca** and **Pfisterer** far apart and which left Pfisterer down on the ground after a knock on the ankle, as **Chris Petrov** aimed at goal and hit it high into the net.

Makedonia had won the game but even though there were only seconds left, its players refused to let up.

Beech stormed forward on a long through ball and as he took aim, Della Rocca had to resort to a desperate foul which got him the yellow card.

Promising Altona youngster Alan Davidson (left) with Hakoah's Bill Jordanou.

Thank goodness for Davidson

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Hakoah can recruit as many players as it likes but it never manages to come up with a goalscorer.

In the past 11 or 12 years, it has had only two players with the ability to score regularly — **Jim Armstrong** who was sold to Hellas and **Mike Clarey** who was sold to Mooroolbark.

Had it not been for a deflection Hakoah wouldn't have scored against Altona on Saturday night either.

The goal came two minutes into extra time from substitute **Gerry Edmondson.**

He hit it from a cut-back by **Bruce Roberts** but if the shot hadn't been deflected slightly by a defender, Altona's goalkeeper **Hans van der Poel** would probably have saved it.

None of the forwards on the ground deserved to be paid for this game — none except Altona's young battler Alan Davidson.

He doesn't look much older than 17, yet he had more appetite for the ball, much more aggression and shot at goal much more often than players much older and more experienced than he.

Albert Brown, the former Sunderland, Blackpool, Berwick Rangers and Hong Kong Rangers midfielder, looked quite a professional in his first game for Altona.

His work rate will be higher in later games and he will help Altona improve, but more players are still required.

If Hakoah had any attacking drive at all it lost much of it when **Mike Rainey** limped off injured just after half time.

Altona's attack usually found **David Baker** and his defenders too strong.

On the few occasions that Altona did manage to break through, there was goalkeeper **Mike O'Hara** — fast, mean and uncompromising.

Stage set for thrilling finale

By LES SHORROCK

Although the Ampol Cup this season has had its low points, results of the past two weeks have ensured a thrilling finale to each section.

In Section A, for instance, Essendon will go through the formality of playing Polonia and Frankston's clash with Ringwood City will be equally uneventful, but the final match of the table will be between Green Gully and Slavia — and that is for a semi-final berth.

The real drama will be seen in Section B, though, where four clubs will be scrapping for the semi berths.

The Ampol Cup committee couldn't have stage-managed the next three fixtures better even if it had arranged them, with Sunshine playing Juventus, George Cross facing Hakoah and Altona playing Makedonia.

Sunshine must beat Juventus by a big margin to make the semis, because of its poor goal average. However, Juventus, featuring new Scottish goalkeeper **Hugh Graham,** will have every incentive to pull out all the stops and after Saturday night, when they gave the Makedonia fans such a fright, they could beat Sunshine.

But even if they get the two points, they won't know their fate until Makedonia has played Altona, and they will be praying that Makedonia's winning margin will not be too big.

In the third, remaining match, between George Cross and Hakoah it would seem that only a very large loss could deprive Georgie of a semi-final place, so good is its goal average — but Hakoah has to win, or be eliminated.

So — the big question remains: Who will accompany George Cross into the finals — Hakoah, Juventus or Makedonia?

Last week's matches didn't tell us anything we didn't know about current form, but we saw Slavia survive the wtin shocks of an early Ringwood goal and **Jim Symington's** sensational dismissal to go on and win.

Although winning in such circumstances is an indication of Slavia's fighting spirit, I think it also highlights Ringwood's present plight, which is pathetic.

Green Gully went about the task of beating Polonia in workmanlike manner, but only occasionally do the Gully boys rise above the mediocre, and that is when **Roy Collins** decides to turn it on. Unfortunately, that's not too often.

On Saturday Altona had its new player **Alby Brown** on display and he will be useful when he settles down, which won't be easy for him with the solitary exception of **Hans van der Poel** the whole team is well down in the doldrums and seems incapable of stringing more than a couple of passes together.

Juventus went close to repeating its feat of the previous Saturday by leading Makedonia until seven minutes from time.

Juventus could have been a bit unlucky, for the players were adamant that a ball that went through Laumets' legs crossed the goal-line, but the referee was unsighted.

Even so, Juventus must be heartened by the obvious upsurge in spirit amongst its players, and indeed, until the defence capitulated and let Makedonia back into the game, it was a praiseworthy performance.

This week's games: FRANKSTON CITY v Ringwood, ESSENDON LIONS v Polonia — (both on Friday).

Sunshine C v JUVENTUS, GEORGE CROSS v Hakoah — (on Saturday.

Hellas fined

South Melbourne Hellas was last week fined $500 and had to pay a $500 good behaviour bond over its abandoned game against Mooroolbark at Middle Park.

The game was called off when spectators ran onto the field and threatened referee TOM STIRLING after Stirling had sent off Hellas players JIMMY MACKAY and PETER OLLERTON.

Mackay received no punishment when he faced the VSF Tribunal last week but Ollerton was suspended until he appears before the Tribunal.

Ollerton is in Fiji with the Australian team for its World Cup games against Taiwan.

Sent off at half time!

By LES SHORROCK

Slavia beat Ringwood City as expected by three goals to two, but even its most fervent supporters must have been ready to give Slavia away when it came out for the second half.

Slavia had been disappointing in the first half and Ringwood took an unexpected lead when a ball from the left caught the Slavia defence on the wrong foot and rebounded to **Mike Lynn** who had all the time in the world to score.

That was bad enough, but during the interval **Jim Symington** was dismissed from the game by referee **Brkic** and Slavia came out to face a deficit of a goal and a man short.

These reversals must have stung the Slavia players and they set about Ringwood with such zest that after **John Habbin** had equalised, there seemed no doubt that they would win.

After Slavia had hit the bar, Habbin scored again and **Mick O'Halloran** scored the third a minute later.

Ringwood did pull back a goal when **Chris Kent** crossed a good ball which **John O'Callagan** banged home — but in between had been reduced to changing goalkeeper **Krebas** for goalkeeper **Bonfadi** ... Tweedledum for Tweedledee, as it were.

Slavia looked workmanlike in the second half. In fact Jim Symington's main worry after the game was that Ken Kontra might start the next match with only 10 men!

Jim Symington's dismissal was unusual, to put it mildly. On the way into the dressing rooms he caught up with the referee and asked him if he had seen an infringement in the Ringwood box and the referee interpreted this action as dissent and showed him the yellow card.

When Symington pointed out that, as captain, he felt he had the right to approach a referee, he was shown the red card.

He was adamant, when I asked him about the incident after the game, that he had not sworn or been abusive.

BIG YAWN

Green Gully Ajax v Polonia was a dreadful game, the monotony of which was relieved only by the fact that Ampol Cup matches last for only 70 minutes.

Midway through the second half **Roy Collins** picked up a ball on the left and set off on a solo run, waltzing round a couple of defenders and then banging the ball into the net in his jaunty manner.

But apart from that, he did nothing but demonstrate his ball skills on isolated occasions, and he seemed as bored as the spectators.

Referee **Jim Dixon** livened up proceedings a little by sending off **Stan Klain** on the advice of the linesman, immediately after the first goal. **Klain** and **Terry Banagan** had had a little disagreement previously.

Near the end **Andy Segi,** having come on for **Howard,** put across a hard low ball that newcomer **Tom Koter** was unfortunate enough to divert past his keeper, so it was hardly a case of Welcome back Koter this timer.

This was not State League fare, in fact it was not even what the fans have come to expect from the Metro League.

Ladders, player ratings

MAKEDONIA 2 (Beech 62nd., Petrov 66th.) JUVENTUS 1 (Sabidussi 29th)

Teams, with player ratings out of 10:

MAKEDONIA: Laumets 6; Trajkovski 7, McAleer 5 (injured, sub. Cemar 42nd), Campbell 6, Petrovski 6; Petrov 5, Fox 5, Brewerton 5; Flaherty 5, McQuade 6, Beech 6.

JUVENTUS: Harby 5; Bentleni 6, Pfisterer 6, Della Rocca 6; Tarquinio 6; Sabidussi 7, Bannon 6, Sannipoli 6; Mainenti 4, DeMarchi 6, Santangelo 4.

Referee: Blainey 7.

HAKOAH 1 (Edmondson 72nd) ALTONA 0.

Player ratings out of 10:

HAKOAH: O'Hara 7; Parkin 5, Baker 7, Jordanou 6, Valli 6; Gadsby 5, Luktc 5, Blair 5; Rainey 5 (injured, sub. Edmondson 48th), Roberts 4, Nagy 4 (de Placide 48th).

ALTONA: van der Peel 6; Copely 6, McGarrigle 6, Murray 6, Gramsberger 6; Ackers 5, Brazil 5 Curcio 4 (Coyne 63rd), Davidson 7.

Referee: Carvso 7.

GREEN GULLY AJAX 2 (Collins 25, Koter o.g. 65) POLONIA 0.

GREEN GULLY: Mick Borg 5, P. Banagan 6, Cole 5, Thompson 5, Marshall 6, T. Banagan (sub Mario Borg 35), Howard (sub Segi 55), Spiteri 5, Collins 7, M. Banagan 6, Grady 5.

POLONIA: Ostrowsky 5, Dimitriou 5, Menichelli 5, Koter 5, Jaworski 6, Nierobisz 5, S. Klain (sent off 30), Horfinisk 6, Esposito 6, Herman 5, Humphreys 5.

Referee: Dixon 4.

SLAVIA 3 (Hobbin 50, 55, O'Halloran 56) RINGWOOD 2 (Lynn 20, O'Callaghan 60).

SLAVIA: Clarke 6, Train 6, Thompson 6, Habbin 7, Owens 6, Symington (sent off), Ripley 7, Moore 6, Gilder 6, O'Halloran 6, Patten 5, (sub Westley 60).

RINGWOOD: Kreskas 5 (sub Bonfadi 50), Adams 5, van Duppen 5, Mullett 5, Plumb 5, Curulli 5, Eggers 5, Schott 5, O'Callaghan 6, Lynn 6, Kent 6.

SECTION A

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Essendon	4	4	0	11	0	8
Slavia	4	3	1	8	4	6
G. Gully	4	2	2	5	3	4
Frankston	4	1	3	3	7	2
Polonia	4	1	3	2	6	2
Ringwood	4	1	3	3	12	2

SECTION B

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
George Cross	4	3	1	9	3	6
Hakoah	4	3	1	3	2	6
Makedonia	4	2	2	6	4	4
Juventus	4	2	2	4	4	4
Sunshine	4	2	2	5	9	4
Altona	4	0	4	2	7	0

Man of the match votes:

GREEN GULLY v POLONIA: Referee's vote: Collins, Les Shorrock's: Collins.

SLAVIA v RINGWOOD CITY: Referee's vote: Lynn, Les Shorrock's: Habbin.

HAKOAH v Altona: Referee's vote: O'Hara, Laurie Schwab's: Davidson.

MAKEDONIA v JUVENTUS: Referee's vote: Flaherty, Laurie

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Pruzzo (standing, second from right) with the Italian Army team that visited Australia last year. Standing from left: Vanello, D'Amico, Mei, Fontolan, Pruzzo, Zuccheri. Front: Masseur, Chinellato, Desolati, Conti, Sala, Tancredi.

Pruzzo for Juve?

Robert Pruzzo, who scored in the Italian Army's 3-1 victory over Australia in Sydney and its 2-1 win over Victoria in Melbourne last July, is now the top scorer in the Italian 'A' Division.

Our most recent information was that he had scored 13 goals for his club, Genoa.

This European summer Pruzzo may join Juventus which was so impressed with the 18 Pruzzo goals that lifted Genoa out of Division 'B' last year that it let Genoa have winger **Giuseppe Damiani** as an early down-payment on an eventual Pruzzo deal.

Pruzzo is valued at $1.5 million and Juventus sees him as the ultimate successor to **Roberto Boninsegna** who, although 33 years old, is still scoring regularly.

European standings

European standings as of the start of March

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ajax	23	17	3	3	45	17	37
Feyenoord	23	13	8	2	51	21	34
PSV Eindhoven	23	13	5	5	44	23	31
AZ '67 Alkmaar	23	12	5	6	56	22	29
Roda JC K'rade	23	11	6	6	38	22	28
Utrecht	23	12	4	7	44	41	28
NAC Breda	23	9	6	8	33	36	24
Sp. Rotterdam	23	8	7	8	32	38	23
Den Haag	23	7	8	8	36	27	22
Haarlem	23	7	7	9	25	33	21
Twente Ensch	23	8	4	11	27	29	20
NEC Nijmegen	23	5	9	9	35	34	19
GAE Deventer	23	5	9	9	29	47	19
EEV Eindhoven	23	5	9	9	21	45	19
VVV Venlo	23	5	7	11	21	40	17
Telstar Velsen	23	5	6	12	25	42	16
Amsterdam	23	3	9	11	24	42	15
De Graafschap	23	3	6	14	18	45	12

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Barcelona	22	13	4	5	49	21	30
Atletico Madrid	21	12	5	4	37	19	29
Valencia	22	10	6	6	37	30	26
Real Sociedad	22	10	5	7	41	25	25
E. Barcelona	22	10	5	7	40	36	25
Athletic Bilbao	21	9	5	7	36	31	23
Real Madrid	22	9	5	8	37	35	23
Salamanca	22	9	4	9	21	23	22
Las Palmas	22	9	4	9	31	35	22
Sevilla	22	6	10	6	17	25	22
Elche	22	8	5	9	30	31	21
Real Betis	22	9	3	10	29	30	21
Racing San	22	7	6	9	25	39	20
Hercules Alic	22	6	7	9	17	24	19
Celta Vigo	22	6	7	9	13	22	19
Burgos	22	7	4	11	30	34	18
Zarogoza	22	5	7	10	27	35	17
Malaga	22	3	6	13	13	35	12

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nantes	24	14	6	4	50	29	34
Lyon	24	12	8	4	40	26	32
Bastia	24	12	7	5	57	40	31
Lens	24	12	7	5	51	37	31
Nice	24	13	2	9	41	32	28
St-Germain	24	11	5	8	44	36	27
Nancy	24	10	6	8	51	39	26
St-Etienne	24	9	7	8	33	25	25
Metz	24	9	7	8	34	31	25
Reims	24	8	8	8	37	42	24
Bordeaux	24	9	5	10	40	38	23
Laval	24	9	5	10	30	39	23
Nimes	24	7	8	9	26	33	22
Marseille	24	9	4	11	32	44	22
Sochaux	24	8	5	11	33	40	21
Angers	24	7	7	10	32	40	21
Valenciennes	24	7	6	11	33	36	20
Troyes	24	8	4	12	28	40	20
Lille	24	5	3	16	26	43	13
Rennes	24	4	4	16	21	49	12

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sporting	18	13	3	2	37	14	29
Benfica	18	13	3	2	40	18	29
Porto	18	11	2	5	38	16	24
Boavista Porto	18	9	3	6	30	23	21
Acad. Coimbra	18	9	2	7	20	17	20
Varzim	18	7	5	6	26	28	19
Vit. Setubal	18	8	2	8	29	25	18
Belenenses	18	6	6	6	19	15	18
Vit. Guimaraes	18	8	1	9	28	23	17
Braga	18	5	6	7	21	25	16
Estoril	18	3	9	6	15	20	15
Portimonense	18	5	4	9	18	25	14
Leixoes	18	2	10	6	8	18	14
Montijo	18	4	5	9	15	28	13
Beira-Mar	18	3	6	9	23	40	12
Atletico	18	2	5	11	13	45	9

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
FC Bruges	22	14	4	4	47	22	32
RWD Molenbeek	22	12	6	4	35	23	30
Anderlecht	22	11	6	5	49	28	28
Lokeren	22	10	6	6	31	21	26
Beerschot	22	9	8	5	43	33	26
Standard	22	9	7	6	24	19	25
Antwerp	22	9	7	6	30	29	25
CS Bruges	22	8	7	7	41	34	23
Kortrijk	22	8	7	7	29	30	23
Lierse SK	22	8	5	9	27	28	21
Waregem	22	8	4	10	32	32	20
Winterslag	22	7	6	9	26	27	20
Beveren-Waas	22	6	8	8	21	27	20
Beringen	22	7	5	10	30	34	19
Mechelen	22	5	7	10	24	32	17
SC Charleroi	22	5	6	11	17	30	16
Oostende	22	4	5	13	26	43	13
Liege	22	4	4	14	14	54	12

PERU
First Division
(Final standings)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Union Huaral*	31	16	9	6	46	25	41
Sports Boys*	31	13	13	5	47	34	39
Juan Aurich	30	13	12	5	41	29	38
Universitaroi	30	13	10	7	41	33	36
Alianza Lima	30	11	12	7	51	32	34
L. de Huanuco	30	11	11	8	37	29	33
Sporting Crist	30	9	12	9	28	26	30
Col. Nac. Iquitos	30	10	9	11	30	34	29
Melgar FC	30	9	11	45	52	29	
Deportivo Junin	30	10	9	11	40	38	29
Alfonso Ugarte	30	10	6	14	46	43	26
Atletico Chalaco	30	7	12	11	38	52	26
Defensor Lima	30	8	10	12	39	57	26
Ciencianco	30	7	12	11	36	37	26
Dep. Municipal	30	5	13	12	34	46	23
Carlos M	30	7	3	20	34	65	17

* includes playoff won 2-0 by Union Huaral.

URAGUAY

Playoff (Liquilla) for Libertadores Cup places (final standings)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Defensor*	6	5	0	1	16	4	10
Penarol*	6	4	0	2	17	10	8
Nacional	5	2	2	1	4	4	6
Wanderers	5	2	1	2	3	6	5
Huracan Buceo	5	1	1	3	4	13	3
Danubio	5	0	0	5	4	11	0

*includes first place playoff which Defensor won 4-1, but winners and Penarol qualify for Libertadores Cup.

BOLIVIA:

National Championship final round

After 6 matches: 1) Bolivar 9 pts; 2) The Strongest, Guabira and Oriente Petrolero 7; 5) Jorge Wilsterman and Aurora 5; 7) Blooming 2.

COLOMBIA

Championship final round (final Standings)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nacional Med	10	6	2	2	20	7	14
Dep. Cali	10	5	2	3	23	15	12
Million Bog	10	5	2	3	15	11	12
Junior	10	5	1	4	15	15	11
Caldas	10	3	1	6	14	21	7
Quindio	10	1	2	7	7	25	4

AND NOW

The U formation has replaced the long-standing 4-3-3 and 4-4-2 in West Germany.

Using this new tactic, Borussia Moenchengladbach and Eintracht Brunswick are now fighting for the national league championship — proof enough that the U formation works.

But the new style is not confined to West Germany. It's being used everywhere where soccer is regarded as progressive.

When Frankfurt hired a new coach, **Gyula Lorant,** a Hungarian, his first task was to change the team's playing system.

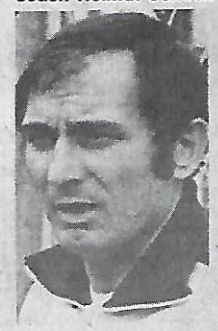
"Players die for nothing at the centre circle and at the corner flags," Lorant taught the Frankfurt players whom he considered to be much too intent on playing man to man.

Lorant, who played centre half in the Hungarian team in the 1954 World Cup, added: "We will not concentrate on marking the man, but rather on zonal defence. The opponent will be tackled only in the most crucial areas of the playing field."

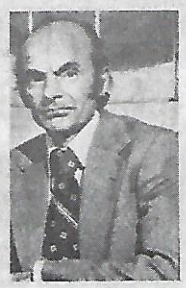
This results in the formation of a defensive U (see diagram) covering all territory leading to the goal. It is a tactic that is revolutionising world football and it is best demonstrated by German and Dutch teams.

Otto Knefler, of MSV Duisburg explains: "West German national league games have become much too fast for man to man marking."

German national coach Helmut Schoen



Yugoslav Branko Zebec—coach of Eintracht-Brunswick



Bayern Munich coach Dettmar Cramer

Games built around man to man marking break down into a series of pairs. Stopper marks the opposing central striker, full backs grow on the wingers like second skin, even when those wingers retreat into their own halves.

By the same token, the winger has to spring after the full back when he overlaps. Older players, still extremely valuable in other aspects of the game, barely lasted the distance after all that sprinting.

"Since last summer we have been using mainly zonal defence," says Duisburg's Knefler. Like we said earlier, this zonal defence is effective enough to keep Moenchengladbach and Brunswick at the top of the ladder.

At blackboard talks, Lorant told his Frankfurt charges: "Wherever the opponent tries to shoot or cross, that's where we must have more men than they do," he says.

"And when we get the ball, we must immediately start an attack of our own".

Using Lorant's approach, Frankfurt played its next seven games without defeat—winning five and drawing two. In the West German Cup, Frankfurt eliminated mighty Schalke.

The German mass-circulation daily **"Bild"** hailed Lorant's style as "A new football system." Lorant corrected them by saying: "Old hat, worn a different way."

Coach **Helmut Johannsen,** who won the German championship with Brunswick in 1967 and led Tennis Borussia to promotion into the national league, can see the end of all systems.

"Teams of world class must be able to play a different 'system' every eight days," he says. Continuously changing tactics have been part of the secret of the German national team's success, he says.

A mixture of zonal and man to man defence was first used by coach **Heinz Hoeer** at VfL Bochum, when that club was in desperate relegation danger.

His team comprised young, inexperienced players and there wasn't a single international among them.

Hoeer drew his U-tactic on the board, saying: "No-one is to run after a man. Instead he is to guard his area."

Thus Bochum has avoided relegation for five years now. Duisburg coach Knefler said: "To play against Bochum is

Arsenal manager Terry Neill

Sunshine cure for Arsenal's slump

London—The first team squad of London first Division club Arsenal may be airlifted to a continental sunshine resort in a bid to stop depressing form rut.

Arsenal, which has been beaten in its last seven games, has a distinct lack of confidence and manager Terry Neill is contemplating pulling the "Gunners" out of their depression by giving them a break.

"I would like to get the players away for a few days if it's possible," said Neill. "After Saturday's game with Queens Park Rangers we have 10 days without a fixture."

"I think a few days sunshine may be of some benefit," he added.

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When the Guatemala army t quietly in their bus to play a tr in a small town near Santa Ba tle realised the trouble they w cause.

Having duly won the ma soldiers found themselves at mob of local inhabitants as t their bus for the return journe

The crowd used machetes clubs on the soldiers. The final five. Now a government inquiry to discover what exactly started

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Bologna has sacked its co Gianoni because the club is s the Italian 'A' Division ladder.

Among the oldest of It Bologna has won the champi times and has never been rel far.

It toured Australia last year, the Socceroos and Victoria.

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Just Fontaine, who scored goals in the 1958 World Cup fi awarded $110,000 by a Frenc his dismissal as manager last division. Paris Saint-Germain covered loss of earnings for t year of his contract, plus a damage to reputation.

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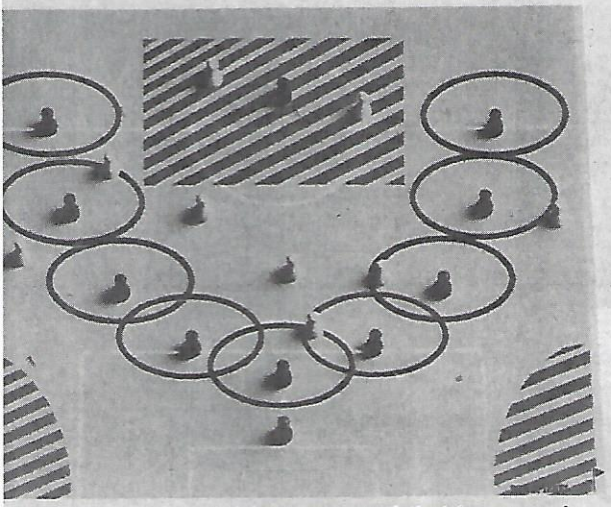
— THE U-FORMATION



The U-formation zonal defence now revolutionising soccer in 'est Germany, Holland and elsewhere. The defending team (black gures) line up in a U, covering all spaces from which an opponent an shoot. The centre circle and corners remain uncovered.

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National League games ve improved and there now more goals," says rtuna Duesseldorf ach **Dietrich Weise.**

Last season, 1009 als were scored in the 6 national league mes. At the half-way ırk of this season, there re already about 700 als on the board.

Udo Lattek, coach of rman champion team russia Moenchengladch, says: "I used to be a unch advocate of manman defence, because seemed best suited to German players, but changed completely.

Today we have footlers who themselves ggest tactical riations". Everinging tactics give the yers a much broader w of the game and ch more mobility and ponsibility than the ndane task of following articular opponent.

Rudi Gutendorf, Johannsen's successor at Tennis Borussia, has a novel way of describing the U formation. "It's like an open sack. The opponents run in and the sack closes," he says.

Ferenc Puskas: "The tactics now used in Germany will decide the 1978 World Cup."

Duisburg took zonal defence to what seemed like ridiculous extremes when it lined up against Moenchengladbach without a man marking the opponents' central striker and without a stopper. Yet Duisburg beat the German champion 3-2.

But flexibility prevailed. The following week, against Bayern Munich, Duisburg re-instated the stopper and had a man watching Bayern's libero **Franz Beckenbauer** every time he joined an attack.

Duisburg led 2-0 after nine minutes and held out to draw 2-2—a fine result indeed for Duisburg the underdog.

"Not only do we have world class players," says national coach **Helmut Schoen**, "but we also have the best coaches in the world."

Even Lorant and Brunswick's Yugoslav coach **Branko Zebec** have gone through the West German coaching academy. Fifteen of the 18 national league coaches were previously defensive players, giving the coachine academy its nick-name:' 'concrete academy.'

Former national coach **Josef Herberger** taught man-to-man rather than zonal defence because at the time, the German team had the fighting qualities that made them better suited to this type of game. Herberger thus dissolved the old WM formation. He had his five forwards up front, and the other five players in defence, covering the opponents.

One Herberger teaching still rings true today: "System means the best possible utilisation of strengths within the team".

Now the national league has technically perfect players who are better trained and who play at such tempo that man-to-man marking has become senseless.

"Cover the spaces—that's what it's all about now," says Weise of Duesseldorf. "But we also had to educate the public so that it could appreciate the subtleties of our new approach."

Bayern Munich coach **Dettmar Cramer** is said to present to his players many pages of tactics before important games. Colleague **Max Merkel** says: "I have heard that Dettmar needs eight pounds of paper for every tactic." Cramer defends himself by saying: "If Max saw eight pounds of paper in one heap, he'd know that he's talking rubbish."

But Cramer admits that Bayern lags behind the other clubs in the evolution of stystems. "So long as I don't have the suitable players, it doesn't matter how much I admire the new tactics. Whereas Bayern used to have seven players in the national team, there are now only three.

The mixture of zonal and man-to-man defence has of course found its way from West Germany to other countries.

"The type of game being played today in West Germany could very well decide the World Cup in Argentina next year," says Ferenc Puskas, now coaching in Chile.

Pele was reported to have told Brazilian coach **Osvaldo Brandao**, who was sacked recently: "We in Brazil are 10 years behind".

In Pele's time, Brazil won three World championships with zonal defence. Germany won the championship with man-to-man marking in 1974 and a mixture of man-to-man and zonal defence in 1974.

England, which won the World Cup in 1966, still relies on man-to-man marking. Perhaps this has something to do with the fact that England is now second-rate on the world scene.

After England's 0-2 loss to Holland recently, the English press called national coach **Don Revie:** "Museum director" and "Paddle steamer captain." (From "Der Spiegel".)

Pele: He says Brazil is 10 years behind Man-to-man marking—it's out!

lled after soldiers' win

London — The revised draw for the English Football Association Cup quarter-finals, to be played on Saturday, March 19, is:

Everton v Derby County, Liverpool v Middlesbrough, Manchester United v Aston Villa, Wolverhampton Wanderers v Leeds United.

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Tibor Nyilasi, the 22-year-old Ferencvaros star, may also have to retire because of headache and vision problems following a clash of heads in a European tie last year.

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The transfer market in South America has jumped sky high and there is practically no activity during this close season. Everybody is after Botafogo's international back **Marinho** whom they call the "Blonde Whirlwind", but his club wants a cluster of top players plus a fortune for him. An exception was Chilean international back **Elias Figueroa** whose value was reportedly quoted at a million dollars, but Brazilian champions International had to let him go for a mere 300,000 (with only 100,000 of it cash down) to Chilean club Palestino because the player was home sick and had apparently also received kidnap threats to his children.

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Greek coach **Dan Giorgiadis** is in charge of the Venezuela World Cup squad — and he's got more problems than most national coaches. At the moment Venezuela faces the prospect of having to withdraw from the World Cup because the FA has left it so late as to leave them without even a chance of putting up a reasonable show.

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Uruguay continues to be criticised by press and fans in spite of the hard work put in by its coach, Argentine born **Juan Eduardo Hohberg** who is recognised as one of the best. One paper said: "Seeing Uruguay play is like visiting a sick man" after the match in Montevideo when they failed to beat Ecuador. The score was 1-1 with 15 minutes to go when the referee sent off the entire Ecuador team which would not stop protesting about the sending off of one of their players ... and now the Uruguayan FA has asked Hohberg to reduce his 28-men squad to 22 immediately to reduce training expenses.

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Peru's squad was concentrated for extensive training at the seaside resort of Pucasana (60 km south-east of Lima) at the beginning of January, but they had hardly started when a newly formed government World Cup committee threw out coach **Alejandro Heredia** and replaced him with **Marcos Calderon** as its first act. Calderon, who had been offered the job some time ago but turned it down due to health reasons, had taken Peru to the 1975 South American title. Heredia, who had been assistant coach to Brazilian **Waldir Pereira "Didi"** when Peru reached the World Cup finals in 1970, was criticised for keeping players with little ability on the squad which never had the confidence of officials, press or fans. Calderon immediately picked a new squad of 25 players which, like Heredia's, is based on eight players on the books of foreign clubs — **Chumpitaz, Oblitas, Ramirez** and **Munante** in Mexico, **Sotil** in Spain, **Cubillas** in Portugal, **Soria** and **Rojas** in Argentina — all with World Cup experience.

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Cruzeiro, the Libertadores Cup holders from Belo Horizonte, have been invited to play in the Rio de Janeiro Carioca League this season in an unprecedented step. Cruzeiro's playing record has been so outstanding in its 55 years of existence that it has virtually no opposition in its own Minas Gerais state league. The change will help Cruzeiro to keep up its standard and also obtain bigger gate receipts.

Wim Jansen — injured

Rudi Geels — goal a game

Geels goals give Ajax big chance

Late last year Feyenoord appeared to be running away with the Dutch championship ... but not any more. They have suffered a lean spell, lost confidence and lack a player or players to boost their sagging morale.

As a result those clubs which were trailing Feyenoord seemingly in a hopeless position have renewed aspirations. As Feyenoord have slumped Ajax, with **Rudi Geels** averaging a goal a game, have improved dramatically, while PSV and AZ'67 are chasing hard.

An injury to international **Wim Jansen**, skipper and midfield organiser, has had a profound effect on Feyenoord and they are a little weak in vital positions, such as on the wings where **Martin Vreyssen** and **Jan van Deinsen**, though good players, are not good enough.

Ajax have changed their tactics in the pursuit of Feyenoord.

Attackers **Zuidema** and **Arnesen** are being used more but it is the goals from **Geels** which are making the difference and Ajax are still not the team they were when they won three successive European Cup finals.

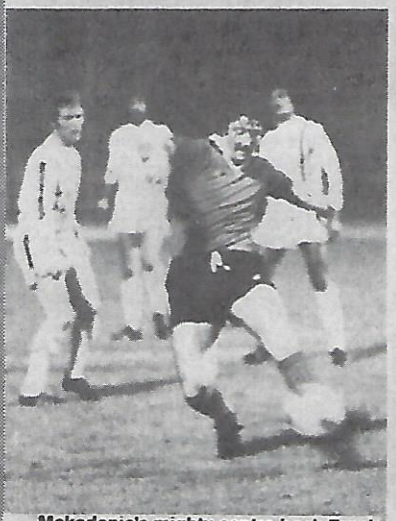
The winter break suited PSV. Their three new players **(Smits, Willrich** and **Nilsson)** were able to adjust to their new colleagues at training sessions and the team's overall performances are getting better and better.

Under the influence of **Willem van Hanegem**, AZ'67 have moved into fourth place. They are the leading scorers in Holland, with centre forward **Kees Kist** setting the pace. But it is Hanegem's left foot which creates the chances.

AMPOL CUP

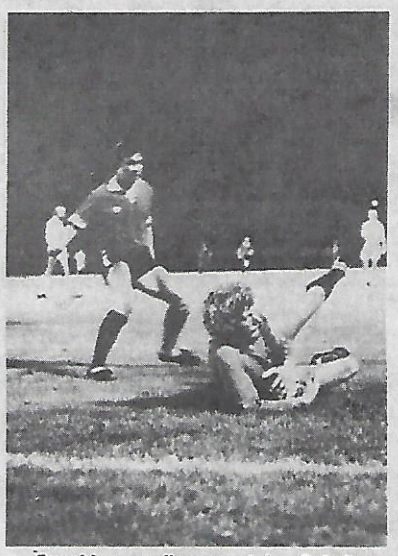
Having beaten Frankston's Ernie Merrick (on knees), Ajax midfielder Terry Banagan launches this shot at goal, with Frankston forward Andy Savage (left) looking on.

Makedonia forward John McQuade rides this Hakoah tackle on a run down the wing.



Makedonia's mighty centre back Frank Campbell clears the ball all on his own, with George Cross forward Paul Murphy (left) far behind.

No prizes for guessing who this is: None other than the Sherbet man, Billy Vojtek of Essendon Lions, taking on a Ringwood defender in Essendon's 7-0 victory.



Sunshine goalkeeper John Scholten saves in front of Makedonia's Daniels.

George Cross' midfielder John Webb (left) hugs Peter Ebini after Ebini had scored in the Cross' 6-1 victory over Sunshine.

Mainenti of Juventus gets up high to head goalwards, but Altona defender Rob Gramsberger (left) will clear the ball.

Altona goalkeeper Hans van der Poel, who's used to defeat in this competition, turns to pluck another ball out of the net.

Mick Banagan, the goalscoring Ajax midfield star, heads for goal in a match against Frankston.

Sunshine centre back Mike Dixey (right) harrasses Hakoah goalkeeper Mike O'Hara, who looks for a man upfield. In front of him is Sunshine forward Ray Pocock.

Six out of seven flop

By RON DARLINGTON

Seven teams from the Victorian Industrial League took the field last Saturday in the preliminary round of the Dockerty Cup and six of them now have no further interest in the competition.

W.D. & H.O. Wills met Wiltona at Virgina Park in an interesting if not a particularly skilful game. It was the first competitive match played on the new ground at the factory and its hard nature and uneven bounce was not conducive to good soccer.

Although the play moved quickly from end to end it was several minutes before a worthwhile shot was recorded when **PAUNOU'S** low drive was saved by **PURDY** in the Wills goal.

Wills then mounted a series of attacks and **PESKA** did well to push a 35-yard drive from **McMEECHAN** round the post for a corner.

It came as no surprise when Wiltona opened the scoring. A move between **PAUNOU** and **HREHORESIN** split the Wills defence and left **STRESKJAK** with a great chance but his close in shot was spectacularly saved by **PURDY.** A bad clearance saw **HRESORESIN** return the ball which passed just inside the post with **PURDY** apparently unsighted.

Three minutes into the second half Wiltona went further ahead when a long free kick left the Wills defence flat footed and **PAUNOU** ran in for an easy goal.

Wills got back into the act 20 minutes into the half. A tangle in the Wiltona defence saw **ACKERLEY** beat the keeper to the ball and flick the ball past him. Why the ball didn't cross the line still isn't clear but when it was passed to **KEENAN** on the left wing he measured his shot to perfection and placed it in the far corner of the net.

Twelve minutes later Wills were level. A long ball from **ANDERSON** found **ACKERLEY** who made no mistake with his shot.

Wiltona seeing the game slipping away started to fade and when **KOLEVSKI** handled the ball in the area Wills took the lead for the first time when **ACKERLEY** placed his spot kick well out of reach of the keeper.

ANDERSON who had done so much prompting of the Wills forwards scored the fourth goal himself. A goal kick by **PESKA** was headed straight back by **KEENAN** and **ANDERSON** ran onto the ball to drive it well clear of the keeper.

Pegasus found Hawskburn too fit and fast and went down 1 - 2. Losing 0 - 2 at half time they pulled one goal back in the second half but couldn't score the equaliser.

Ford Falcons' game, against Park Rangers was 1 - 1 at the interval. Ford hit the cross bar and the post but Rangers showed them where the ball should go four minutes from the end to win 2 - 1.

Tarax had problems when three of their players got lost and had to take the field with only 10 men. Despite this, after being two goals down against Hampton, they drew level at 2-all and pulled back to 3 - 4 with 15 minutes to go.

Two goals in the last five minutes gave Hampton the flattering result of 6 - 3. Tarax's goals were scored by **Kresinger (2), and Jakovincic.** Its best players were **Kresinger, Sander Kazi and Mladenovic.**

Fibre Containers had a player sent off before half time. Having an extra man eventually had its effect and with two second half goals Coburg ran out comfortable winners.

Diecraft lost 2-3 to Werribee, the winning goal coming five minutes from the end.

Reyrolle were sunk 1 - 3 by West Melbourne in a match that tended to boil over.

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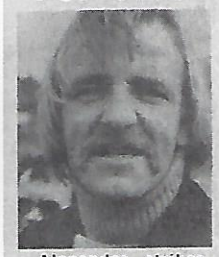

Alexander striker George Gillan pictured, is on the transfer list at his own request.

This follows a disagreement over payments.

Gillan scored seven league goals last season, 11 in 1975, 16 in 1974 and six in 1973.

He played for Victoria against Bristol Rovers in 1974.

Radio soccer

For all the latest soccer news, local national and overseas, listen to Radio 3 E.A. (1120 Kz) every Thursday, at 1.45pm, with a repeat at 10.45pm. From April 16 this station will also broadcast the Victoria and Philips League scores on both Saturday and Sunday nights at 5.55pm.

TEMPERS FLARE AT CUP MATCH!

Hot-headed spectators threatened match officials during ugly scenes at the Doveton v. Dandenong Cumberland Cup game at the weekend.

Doveton won on penalties after an extra time score of 1-1 in this South Area final.

Although a referee and linesmen had been booked for this important game by Doveton officials, none turned up and with the danger of the game being called off, **Tommy Robertson** bravely stepped into the breach.

Opening exchanges were even with Dandenong's recent capture from George Cross, **Jim Smart,** prominent and the Doveton defence in uncompromising mood.

Dandenong had **Teddy Witkowski,** a convert from Aussie Rules in goal and he took the eyes with his agility and daring.

Doveton suffered a setback when **Jimmy Wilson,** after going in head down, was taken off with a suspected broken nose.

At the 33 minute mark, speedy Ian Smith caught the Dandenong defence spreadeagled chasing a through ball, sidestepped Witkowski and put Doveton ahead.

The game resumed at a furious rate, but Dandenong gradually got on top and it was no surprise when they equalised after Doveton's goal had had several narrow escapes.

Hughes banged the ball home in a goalmouth melee after 70 minutes.

Five minutes later, Smith again chased a long through ball, colliding with the goalkeeper in the process and scoring.

After consulting the club linesman, Robertson disallowed the goal, and uproar broke out.

There were ugly scenes for a few moments as some rowdy elements amongst the Doveton supporters tried to show the linesman the error of his ways, but eventually calm was restored, and at full time, thanks to the coolness of club officials, it was agreed that extra time should be played under the jurisdiction of the same referee.

There was no further score and after extra time, the result hinged on penalties, and **Billy Reiss,** the Doveton goalie, became the hero of the hour when he saved from his opposite, number, **Teddy Witkowski.**

Teams with player ratings:

Doveton: Reiss 5, Taylor 5, Curry 6, Thurlow 5, Kingsley 6, Garland 5, O'Halloran 4, (sub Roy), Roderick 5, Gaw 6, Wilson (injured, sub Fakos 6), Smith 7.

Dandenong: Kitkowski 8, Jackson 5, Young 5, Parker 5, Smart Dick 6, Hughes 6, Smart Bob (sub Hill 5), Wotherspoon (sub Davie), Holcombe 5, McLelland 5, Smart Jim 8.

Keilor City and Footscray J.U.S.T. drew 1-1 in the west area final, and J.U.S.T. took the game on penalties.

The game was scoreless at full fime and Footscray took the lead in exrtra time through Petrevski only for Keilor to equalise with one minute left.

The penalties went 4-2 in Footscray's favour, although coach **Slobodan Zoraja** missed one.

Area final results:

WEST: Footscray 1 v Keilor City 1 (Footscray won on penalties 4-2).

EAST: Box Hill 1 v Mooroolbark 0.

SOUTH: Doveton 1 v Dandenong City 1 (Doveton won on penalties 4-3).

NORTH: Collingwood City 0 v Fawkner 0 (Fawkner won 4-2 Penalties).

The semi-final will be played as a double header on March 27 at a venue to be decided.

— LES SHORROCK

Preilski shows the way

After holding Keilor City scoreless for the first 20 minutes, Fourth Division Sandringham City proved no match for its First Division opponent and lost 014 their Docherty Cup Match.

Star of the match was former Makedonia caption **Cele Presilski,** Keilor's general in midfield.

Right back **Tom McGrath** was Sandringham's best player and **Dave Grundy** also had a good match.

Presilski opened the scoring in the 21st minute after former Makedonia captain mate **Vlado Kotevski** had beaten goal keeper **Elvio Pugliese** and pushed the ball into the open for Presilski to slip into the net.

Karl Anschober made it 2-0 at half time and **Eddy de Gabriele** scored two more after the interval.

Teams:

KEILOR: Lacek, Warrener, Italia, Kiefer, Altheim, Anschober, Presilski, Tasevski, de Gabriele, Kotevski, Matina.

SANDRINGHAM: Pugliese, McGrath, Shaddick, Smith, Rea, Grundy, Argeres, Mattola, Boggan, Antoniou, Palmer, (sub: Pullar).

Docherty Cup results to hand so far: Park Rangers 2 Ford Falcons 1, Hamlyn Rangers 4 Carlton 1.

Karl Anschober (Keilor C.)

Dave Grundy (Sandringham)

Diecraft 2. Werribee 3. Reyrolle 1 W. Melbourne 3. Fibre Containers 0 Coburg 2, Moreland 1 Port Melbourne 2. Wills 4 Wiltona 2. Monbulk 2 Croxton 0, Williamstown 4 Langwarrin 1. Western Suburbs 4 Moe 0, Melton 1 Langwarrin 3, Keilor City 4 Sandringham 0.

Barkers to lose Rigby as well

Troubled Mooroolbark will lose Dave Rigby (pictured) as well as Graham French.

While Marconi and SM-Hellas were bidding for French, Rigby shocked Mooroolbark by announcing that he too wants a transfer.

Rigby's contract has expired and Mooroolbark turned down his request for a signing-on fee to renew the contract.

Rigby's transfer fee is expected to be between $6000 and $7000.

Mooroolbark recruited him for the price of his air fare from England two seasons ago.

Rigby said this week he wanted to move to another National League club but that he would prefer to stay in Victoria.

Rigby, 26, was an apprentice with Hull City in England for two years and then played for three years for South Liverpool, the club Jim Tansey came from.

From there he joined Safeway United in Wollongong, where he played as a striker instead of his usual midfield role.

He returned to England and Mooroolbark flew him back.

French, who was Victoria's top scorer with 21 goals last season, is also leaving Mooroolbark for financial reasons.

Both Hellas and Marconi have put in bids for him but it is understood Mooroolbark is holding out for $12,000 — a figure neither club will pay.

Mooroolbark recently failed in its bid to amalgamate with Ringwood City.

The marriage would have given the Barkers use of Jubilee Park, Ringwood, and perhaps some of Ringwood's players including Keith Adams, David Garthwaite and Chris Kent.

Last week Mooroolbark lost 0-1 to Victorian First Division club Box Hill.

Alexander gets UK star

Experienced midfielder Jim McMorran arrived at the weekend to join Fitzroy Alexander.

McMorran, 29, played for Aston Villa and Walsall in England.

'He'll be a delight to watch," said Alexander coach Jim Adam.

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McMorran recommended his former team mate Roger Jones to Alexander, but Hakoah Sydney got to him first, through Hakoah's English scout Charlie Mitten, a former English international.

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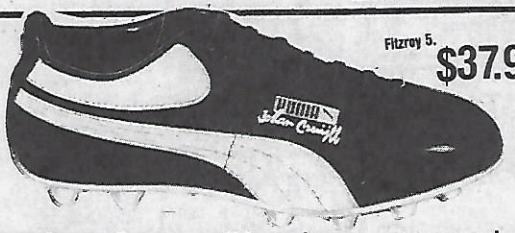

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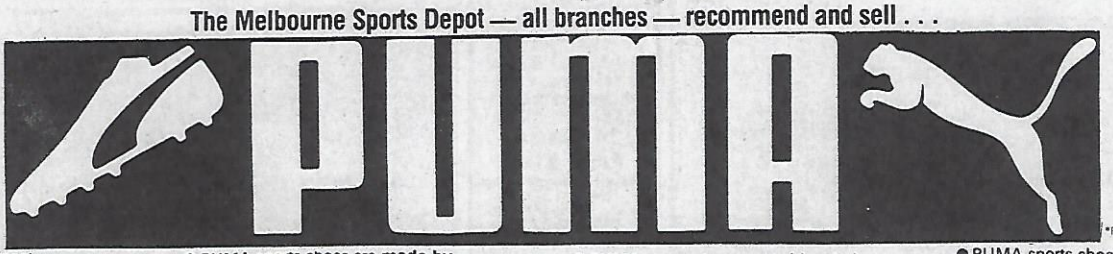

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ANNE JENSEN: DYNAMO OF VICTORIA'S JUNIORS

By 'Soccer Action' columnist LEIF JENSEN, who happens to be Anne's husband

My assignment this week was to interview the Victorian junior league secretary. That may sound easy, but how can you interview your own wife?

Nevertheless, after doing the washing and cooking the dinner, I set off to try to do just that.

Anne Jensen, is (I think) a good looking redhead who treats her job a little too seriously. She has four kids and a house-keeper (me) and spends more time on soccer than most people would imagine.

Q. What experience have you had in the field of soccer?

A. If you mean playing soccer, my experience goes back quite a few years when I and a couple of my girlfriends played soccer in the streets or the parks with the boys of the neighborhood, although in those days it used to be a tin can or rolled up newspaper. In fact we used to have more fun playing with a large marble, which we called a "gobstopper" than with an actual soccer ball. I was a typical tomboy in those days, but with a dad who was soccer barmy and used to drag me from one end of England to the other, who wouldn't be? I loved it all the same and used to roar my head off alongside my dad when Birmingham City was winning. It was through my dad that I learnt to accept defeat graciously (!!!). Administration-wise I was Yarra Co-ordinator for two years on the JLMC and this is where I got to know what it was all about, except I never believed there was so much paper work.

Q. How many hours a week would you say you spend on soccer administration?

A. About three months ago I filled in a questionaire sent from the University of Waterloo, Canada, and one of the questions was: "How many hours would you estimate your job takes each week? "After calculations I came up with the staggering figure of 102 hours a week, from March-October of each season, comprising 22 hours in Soccer House and the rest of the time each week working at home. In fact I've been working on league ladders sometimes at 2 o'clock in the morning. After realising what hours I was putting in, this year I've allocated a few jobs to committee members which helps a little but it is still a very big job and takes a lot of hours each day.

Q. What is the most frustrating part of your job?

A. As JLMC secretary frustration is an everyday word, but the most frustrating times are when you have spent hours, along with committee members, working out how best to serve the junior clubs and after it is circularised to the clubs you get whingers on the phone or at games. I don't mind constructive criticism. After all, I've picked up some good points from conversations, but when you have to listen to people whinging and rubbishing the administration, I have to wonder sometimes whether it is all worth the time and effort.

Q. Is there any way clubs can help you to make your job easier?

A. Co-operation is the word. Information is poured into the junior clubs and all they have to do is to read it, yet you would be surprised how many coaches/managers/parents have not got a clue about what is happening within the junior soccer environment. I can only attribute this to lack of communication between club delegates and their members.

Q. Could you give us a few statistics in regards to junior soccer?

A. I don't rely on statistics. I believe what I see and in travelling over the best part of Victoria in the past four years, I have seen a rapid growth in junior soccer. It is growing so big that administration cannot keep up with it. Last year we had a total of 570 teams playing in leagues. These figures are only for the Metropolitan area and this year we have affiliated 10 new clubs with teams of all age groups. The country areas have also experienced rapid growth — areas such as Latrobe Valley, Geelong, the eastern districts and, last but not least, the Ballarat and Districts. I take my hat off to Ballarat. As when you hear of young teams and their parents travelling 200-300 kilometres every week for a game of soccer you just have to give them credit, especially when in the metropolitan area we have clubs that moan if they have to go 10 yards down the road.

Q. What are your views on the future of junior players?

A. Junior soccer I think will always be here, long after I've left the scene anyway, but I don't think that the dedication will still be there as it is today. I read so often that so and so club is bringing out so and so from one country or the other. Now to my way of thinking what is the point of having nursery clubs if they are not used. At the moment junior clubs comprise 95% volunteer workers and one of their aims is to see their boys into senior soccer. No-one can expect a whole team of junior players to go into a senior side at 16 years or even 18 years but surely it must be gratifying to the junior clubs to see at least one of two having a try-out. It would certainly make sense for the hard work put into junior clubs, because let's face it, everyone no matter how big or small needs some reward, and what better way can a senior club reward its nursery club?

Q. How would you compare the standard of Australian soccer, junior and senior, to soccer overseas?

A. Speaking as a mere woman, at junior level we would compete favourably with overseas up to the age of about 15, but after that and into senior soccer I honestly don't think we can compare. In all fairness I do have to say, that in the last five years there has been tremendous improvement in our national team. The next 18 months will show if that improvement is to continue. State team wise, I have been bitterly disappointed after some games. I've usually gone home thinking: 'Oh well, we can't expect much more from men who are virtually part-timers in the code', but then I ask myself how, after about 100 years of soccer in this State, can we still be battling with part-timers?

Q. What really bugs you in Australian soccer?

A. On this one I could go on for another 10 pages, so I will try to put forward just a couple of bugs to cover most of them. First of all there's the apathy I encounter when I'm talking to councillors or would-be sponsors. These people could really help the game, but most times they go completely deaf to the problems that soccer has and let's face it, we are a long way from being secure. I'm thinking at the moment of the clubs who return to their grounds after the off-season to find a cricket pitch slap bang in the middle of their soccer ground. Another hassle is councils trying to bring the size of grounds down so they can fit some other sport in. Surely soccer cannot be so small a sport that it has always to take second place! Mind you, This does not go for all areas, as some councils have gone out of their way to provide good facilities especially to junior clubs. But this can only be said about 10% of all areas in which soccer is played. Some junior clubs are paying fantastic ground rents every season, and their grounds are nothing but mud heaps, with concrete or wooden sheds for club rooms or changing rooms. Forty per cent of clubs to my knowledge have been paying ground rent and their councils have not so much as top soiled the ground in the past eight years, even though the clubs complain to the councils that when a ground is muddy and dries and becomes rutted, that this is dangerous to young players. What I can't understand is the logic behind their attitudes. After all, junior soccer clubs are doing councils a service by helping to keep youngsters off the streets and in turn helping to alleviate vandalism.

My second bug is the "flag bearers", I, as much as anyone, realise that our game of soccer here comprises almost every nationality in the world, but some don't realise that if it wasn't for others in the game even they wouldn't be where they are today. A situation here in Victoria which never ceases to amaze me is that you can have a club made up of administrators of one sole nationality and yet the players on the field representing them are of entirely different nationalities. On the other side of the coin, especially at junior level, seeing some team sheets I often wonder if in a radius of 15 miles around their club, they have only boys who are of the nationality of the club administrators. Politics and religion are not supposed to enter sports, but I have a sneaky suspicion that in some areas this is not so.

Q. How does your family put up with your soccer life?

A. You, above all others, should be able to answer better than I, but I will give you my opinion. I think I am tolerated, for the want of a better word. My youngest daugher who incidentally is eight years old on April 21 (in case you forget) said about seven months ago: **"MOM, WHY CAN'T WE BE LIKE A NORMAL FAMILY?"**

Anne Jensen, Victoria's junior boss, with (from left) VSF Secretary George Wallace, national coach Jim Shoulder, Anne's son Darren, 12, and Victorian State coach Ron Smith.

'Apathy' holds back Geelong

Geelong junior clubs have been blasted for their "apathy" and lack of concern by their association secretary, Mrs E. Whittaker.

Mrs Whittaker said: "Every soccer area in Victoria is booming yet Geelong remains a backwater with the greatest untapped potential in the State.

"The under 18 and under 8 leagues have again failed to get off the ground, leaving a vacuum at each end of the age scale.

"It is hoped that in the near future, all responsible officials will sit dow and really thrash out the problems which exist."

LEAVUES FOR THE 1977 SEASON

UNDER 16: Geelong United, Brintons, Bell Park,, North Geelong, Hamlyn Rangers, Ballarat, Barwon City.

UNDER 14: Chanel College, Geelong United, Bell Park, Corio A, Corio B, North Geelong, Hamlyn Rangers A. Hamlyn Rangers B, Barwon City.

UNDER 12: Geelong United, Bell Park, Corio A. Corio B, Geelong, North Geelong, Hamlyn Rangers, Barwon City.

UNDER 10: Geelong United, Bell Park, Corio, Geelong, North Geelong, Hamlyn Rangers, Barwon City A, Barwon City B.

The five Seaford boys who won the John McPhee perpetual trophy at Box Hill, standing from left: R. Holden, E. Debois, M. Armstrong; front: W. Moody, J. Armstrong.

Seaford wins the trophy

Box Hill Juniors recently held a five-a-side carnival at Wembley Park, for the John McPhee Perpetual Trophy.

Seaford was the eventual winner, defeating Box Hill 2-1 in a well fought final, after being a goal down.

Jim Balish, the state coach for the Under 14s was in attendance, and a few of the boys may have caught his eye with their general play and attitude.

600km for a game

Young Gavan Paine, former Morwell Falcons U/13 striker, is out to improve his soccer.

He has transferred to Melbourne Juniors and the Falcons are sorry to see Gavan leave but they wish him well in the big city.

Gavan is a hard-working striker, and so keen that he travels **600 km.** every week to train and play.

That is what Morwell Falcons call "the Valley spirit".

Croydon series

Croydon juniors will play against Mooroolbark and Ringwood City as part of the Croydon City Festival of Youth at Croydon's ground on March 19.

Games for all age groups will start at mid-day.

Croydon is also looking for players for its under 18 team.

Anyone interested should ring **Bob Gooderham on 722 1658.**

Rosanna's day

Rosanna will have a junior open day at Yallambe Reserve on March 20.

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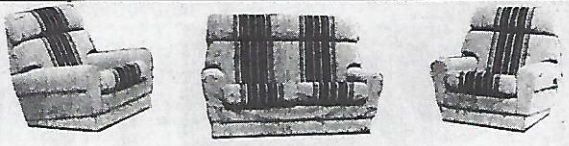
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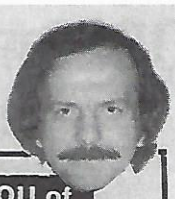

PETER GEORGIOU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

ΠΡΟΕΤΟΙΜΑΣΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΕΛΠΙΔΕΣ

Ἔχουν μείνει περίπου δύο ἑβδομάδες ἀκόμη γιά τήν ἔναρξη τοῦ πρώτου ἐθνικοῦ πρωταθλήματος τῆς Αὐστραλίας. Μέσα σ' αὐτὲς τίς δύο ἑβδομάδες θά πρέπει οἱ ὁμάδες νά εἶναι πανέτοιμες γιά τήν νέα σαιζὸν ἤ σχεδὸν ἕτοιμες.

Πολλοί θά ὁποστηρίζουν ὅτι μιά ὁμάδα βρίσκει τὸν συντονισμὸ της ὕστερα ἀπό τά πρῶτα παιγνίδια ἀτό πρωτάθλημα ὅσο ἕτοιμη κι' ἄν εἶναι, ὁποιαδήποτε ἐντύπωση κι' ἄν δίνει στούς φιλκούς ἀγῶνες της.

Αὐτή ὅμως μία ἄποψη. Τὸ σύνολο ὅμως πού παρουσιάζει μιά ὁμάδα στούς ἀγῶνες προετοιμασίας της, τό ὁλικό πού δείχνει ὅτι ἔχει, ἡ φυσική κατάσταση τῶν παικτῶν, εἶναι σημεῖα τά ὁποῖα προσέχουν ὅλοι καί περισσότερο οἱ ἰθύνοντες καί οἱ ὀπαδοί τῆς ὁμάδος.

Τήν Κυριακή ὅμως πού μᾶς πέρασε καθώς καί τίς δύο προηγούμενες, κάναμε μία θλιβερή διαπίστωση. Ἡ ἄλλοτε πανίσχυρη Ἑλλάς, ἡ ὁμάδα πού κέρδιζε τούς ἀγῶνες της σ' ὁποιο λεπτό ἤθελε, ἡ σχεδὸν μόνιμη πρωταθλήτρια Βικτωρίας, κατάντησε σκιά τοῦ ἑαυτοῦ της. Χωρὶς δύναμη, χωρὶς ὄρεξη, χωρὶς ἀναπληρωματικούς παῖκτες καί χωρίς καμμία ἀπολύτως ἐγγύηση ὅτι θά πάμπροστά, ἡ Ἑλλάς ἔδειξε στούς ὀπαδούς της τὴν πραγματική της εἰκόνα. Καί ἡ εἰκόνα αὐτή δὲν εἶναι καθόλου . εὐχάριστη. Οὔτε κἀν ἐνθαρρυντική.

Καί ὅμως στούς κύκλους της ὑπάρχει αἰσιοδοξία (!!!!) ἰδιαίτερα ἀπό τόν προπονητή της ὅτι ἡ ὁμάδα θά... πρωταγωνιστήση!

Ἄς ἐπιτραπῆ στήν στήλη αὐτή ν' ἀμφιβάλλη, μὲ τήν εἰλικρινή εὐχή ὅτι τό μέλλον θά τήν διαψεύση.

Ἡ Χέλλας ἀκολουθεῖ τό κλασσικό παράδειγμα τῶν μεγάλων ὁμάδων τῶν ὁποίων ὁ σκοπὸς εἶναι τό πρωτάθλημα καί τίποτα ἄλλο. Καί ἀπό πρωτάθλήματα ἡ Χέλλας ἔχει χορτάσει. Ἡ τυφλή αὐτή προσπάθεια ὁ πρωταθλητισμὸς ἔχει γίνει δίκοπο μαχαίρι σὲ πολλὲς ὁμάδες καί ἡ Ἑλλάς δέν ἀποτελεῖ ἐξαίρεση.

Τά στέρια της γέρασαν καί φάνηκε ἡ γύμνια της. Φάνηκε ἡ ἀνικανότητα τῶν ἰθυνόντων νά δοῦν λίγο πό πέρα ἀπό τό πρωτάθλημα. Φάνηκε ἡ ἀδιαφορία τους γιά τό τί θά συνέβαινε αὔριο ἐφ' ὅσον ἔπαρναν τό πρωτάθλημα σήμερα.

Ἦταν ἐπόμενο νά φθάση ἡ Χέλλας στὸ χάλι πού βρίσκεται σήμερα καί δέν ἔχει νά κάνη τίποτα μὲ τή φόρμα, τήν φυσική κατάσταση τῶν παικτῶν τόν προπονητή καί τούς φιλάθλους. Ἦταν μιά φυσική ἐξέλιξη τῆς ὁμάδος ἡ ὁποία ἀφοσιώθηκε τυφλά στὸν πρωταθλητισμὸ, μὲ ἔξοδα χιλιάδων δολλαρίων γιά «ἀστέρια τῆς ὥρας» ἐνῶ στά φυτώρια —ἀπορεῖ κανείς γιατί τά ἔχουν— περίμεναν οἱ μκροί τή σειρά τους γιά νά δοῦν τό ὄνειρό τους νά πραγματοποιεῖται, γιά νά δοκιμασθοῦν, γιά νά δοῦν τέλος πάντων ἄν μποροῦν νά σταθοῦν στήν μεγάλη ὁμάδα τους. Ἡ σειρά ὅμως αὐτή ποτέ δέν ἦλθε, τουλάχιστον γιά αὐτούς πού δὲν ἄντεξαν ἄλλο στὴν ὑπομονή καί ἔφυγαν γιά ἄλλες ὁμάδε (Μαλκούσης, Μπουζίκας, Σέλεμίδης κλπ.) ὅπου διακρίθηκαν ἰδιαίτερα καί θά μποροῦσαν σήμερα ἤ καί σὲ προηγούμενα πρωταθλήματα νά ἀποτελοῦν τήν βάση μιᾶς ἀλλαγῆς, μιᾶς ἀνανέωσης πού ποτέ δέν ἔγινε.

Τρεῖς μόνον νεαροί παῖκτες ἐγῆκαν ἀπό τό φυτώριο καί συνεχίζουν τήν καρριέρα τους μὲ ἐπιτυχία στὴν ὁμάδα, ἀλλά δὲν εἶναι ἀρκετοί. Κρίνοντας ἀπό τόν ἀριθμὸ τῶν πιτσιρίκων πού ὑπάρχουν στὰ φυτώρια τῆς Ἑλλᾶς. ἡ ὁμάδα σήμερα δέν ἔπρεπε νά ἀναγκάζεται νά βνάλη παίκτη ἀπό τόν ἀγῶνα καί νά τόν ξαναβάζη πάλι μέσα γιά ἀναπληρωματικό λόγο!

Ἔπρεπε νά ἔχη τήν πιὸ νεαρὴ καί πιὸ δυναμική ὁμάδα τῆς Αὐστραλίας. Καί ὅμως ἀδιαφόρησαν. Τὸ ἀποτέλεσμα ἦταν ἐπόμενο. Τά ἀστέρια γέρασαν, ὅσοι νεώτεροι ὑπῆρχαν ξαφνικά ὕστερα ἀπό ἕνα ἀδικαιολόγητο «πάγωμά» τους, βρέθηκαν μὲ ἀσήκωτο βάρος στὶς πλάτες τους καί ἡ κατάρευση εἶναι πλέον γεγονός.

Ἡ φετεινή προετοιμασία τῆς Ἑλλάς κάθε ἄλλο παρά ἐλπίδες γιά ἕνα καλύτερο μέλλον δείχνει. Ἡ Ἑλλὰς δὲν ἔχει ὁμάδα. Θά γίνη πυγμαχικὸς σάκος προπονήσεως καί δὲν τό ἀξίζει. Ἐλπίζω εἰλικρινά νά μὲ διαψεύσουν.

Π. Γεωργίου

The Big Match: Brighton v. hostile council

By LES SHORROCK

Most people, on seeing Brighton's ground at Dendy Park for the first time are full of admiration, and very often the admiration turns to envy when they see the dressing-rooms, which are spacious and modern.

In fact the V.S.F. has often loaned the facilities to visiting teams like Glasgow Rangers, Tottenham Hotspur and Sunderland, simply to create goodwill.

But the Brighton Soccer Club committee is not basking in a Garden of Eden, for it has bitten the apple and found a worm in it . . . . . in this case, the Brighton Council.

If a League table of Councils that helped Sport could be compiled, this toffee-nosed lot would have to come a bad last, if only for their long record of opposition to soccer in Brighton.

Just consider these facts. Brighton is one of the oldest clubs in Victoria, having been founded 53 years ago and has a most distinguished record, having in its heyday won the Dockerty Cup five times.

The club pays nearly $500 a half-year rent, but cannot charge admission or play on Sundays.

Each year, the junior section of the club has to go on its hands and knees and beg for permission for its junior teams to play on Sunday mornings, in the middle of the Park, where their very presence will not offend the tender susceptibilities of the God-fearing residents of Dendy Street.

This is despite the fact that the efforts of the junior committee ensure healthy recreation for over 200 kids . . . Brighton residents' kids at that!

You must understand that Dendy Park is crown land and the Brighton council feels it has a duty to guard crown land against, as one councillor put it, 'the type of people who go to soccer matches'.

This hasn't stopped the council from allowing a PRIVATE tennis club to become established in the Park, or for that matter, a PRIVATE bowls club.

The objection to Sunday soccer is that it would be a nuisance to the local residents, but the tennis club is brightly flood-lit and has run pro-am Tournaments on Sundays that have ended at midnight, without, as far as I know, any resident of the area swooning in anguish.

Sometimes I tend to think that the council must find the excellent dressing rooms an embarrassment, for one lunatic plan it carried out was to plant trees on the grassy embankment between the playing pitch and pavilion, in the fond hope that they will eventually hide the pavilion from the gaze of Mr. Ratepayer of Dendy Street!

This year the council has come up with a new idea — and it's a lulu!

It's called Maximising the Use of Sports Facilities, and it calls for a plan to cut the existing dressing rooms in two, so that SIX clubs can use the rooms.

Well, there are six showers, you see.

Of course, now the council will have to find more tenants, so that over 100 players can all shower in six showers at once, and it has ADVERTISED for a footy club to come to Dendy Park.

Alas, no takers to date, so it has advertised again.

Brighton Soccer Club has finally come to see what Blind Freddie saw a long time ago. Soccer is not wanted in Brighton and by far the best steps the club can take are big ones — away from Dendy Park!

Hotham tops in five-a-side series

The Kensington indoor soccer championship, which has been in progress at Holland Park Community Centre since last November has now reached the semi-finals stage.

Here are the standings after the 18th round:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hotham Utd. I	16	0	2	179	67	32
K.U.S.C. "Red Devils"	12	4	2	144	99	28
K'ton "Old Boys"	13	1	4	148	97	27
Ol'55	11	2	5	130	78	24
K.US.C "Saints"	9	0	9	117	107	18
Holland Pk.	8	1	9	108	136	17
Hotham Utd II	6	1	11	100	140	13
North Melb	6	0	12	97	160	12
Ormond St	3	0	15	54	226	6
K'ton "Revers"	0	1	17	36	202	1

The K.U.S.C. "Red Devils" should account for Ol'55 in the first semi-final to be played at 8.30 pm tonight (Wednesday) and Hotham I should be too consistent for the Kensington "Old Boys" in the other semi-final which starts at 9.30 pm.

Kensington United Soccer Club thanks **Mr Krauss** and **Mr McIlroy** the referees who officiated in every match throughout the competition.

Kensington United had its first practice match of the season recently and defeated Postal Institute 1-0.

It was most encouraging to Kensington's new coach, **Jim Sifonios,** as Postal Institute has been in full training and is in the First Division of the District League.

Kensington plays in the Second Division.

The goal was scored by **Peter Vaclav** and good performances were shown by **Rajic, Perdikakis, Jankovic, Ivanovski and Squadritto.**

Due to a ridiculous rule of the Melbourne City Council, Kensington has not been allowed to use soccer balls or boots on any of the council's sports grounds and has had to pay extra (on top of $316 season rental) to be allowed to even run or exercise on the grounds until March 24.

So, until last Sunday, Kensington hadn't set foot on a soccer ground and training had consisted of general fitness.

Siesta Pizza of Flemington, will once again be the club's sponsor in 1977.

News in brief

Straubinger's transfer OK, Clemie new Rangers boss

Alex Straubinger has finalised his transfer from Keilor City to Richmond.

The former Altona and Hakoah player will be used in Richmond's midfield along with **Rudi Poci** (ex Sandringham) and **Brian Hill,** who has returned to Richmond from the Industrial League.

The club, coached by **Franz Wimmer,** has also recruited **David Barnes,** from England.

However, Richmond is still looking for senior players, who will be made welcome at the club.

☆ ☆ ☆

Park Rangers have appointed John Clemie as senior coach for season 1977.

Apart from a short spell with Essendon Lions, John has been a steady influence at Park Rangers since arriving from Scotland in 1969 where he played for Kilsyth Rangers.

Last season John won the 3rd Div. Metro best and fairest award.

Martin White, Rangers' Dublin-born inside forward has arrived back from Ireland and was a welcome addition at training

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Following some transfer problems Marcus Clarke (ex Park Rangers) has signed for Sunbury United.

Jim Rankin (ex Albion Rovers) has also signed for Sunbury, as has **Jim Munro** (ex Mossfield Rangers).

John Tedder, newly elected junior secretary of Sunbury United, can be contacted on 744 3738.

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The next meeting of the Eastern Region of the Melbourne branch of the Australian Soccer Coaches Association will be at Box Hill soccer club's ground, Wembley Park, on Monday March 28, at 7pm.

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DIVISION 2: A.C.I. Box Hill v T.A.A., Ansett v A.N.Z. Bank 'A', Middle Park V.R.I. 'A' v Philip Morris, Public Works 'A' v Siemens 'A', Sperry Vickers v Bosch.
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ZIKA NIKOLIĆ

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JUST je uspeo da se revansira za poraz u Sidneju sa skromnom pobedom od 2:1 (2:0). Medjutim, PLAVI su bili bolji po sansama za nekoliko golova razlike, ali je zato igra bila ujednacena. Prvo poluvreme pripada JUST-u, a drugo Marconiju koji je dosao bez nekoliko reprezentativaca. Strelci za JUST: Mirko Rujevic i Jimmy Kondarios.

Trener JUST-a Ceda Cirkovic je izvrsio nekoliko izmena, koje su oslabile udarnu snagu JUST-a u drugom poluvremenu, ali ipak nije probao Vladu Radica, koji je dosao pre par dana iz somborskog Radnickog.

"Nije dovoljno trenirao," rekao nam je Cirkovic za Radica, "te ne zelim da publika doblje pogresan utisak u prvom nastupu. Uostalom preko nedelje igramo prijateljsku utakmicu na nasem igralistu, a iduce nedelje 20. marta sastajemo se sa Helasom na Middle Parku, pa cete ga videti u pravoj boji", zavrsio je Cira ocito zadovoljan pobedom i igrom svojih pulena.

PROTIV HELASA IDUCE NEDELJE

U nedelju 20. marta JUST nastavlja seriju prijateljskih utakmica, koja ce se zavrsiti 27. marta gostovanjem u Kanberi. Protivu Helasa na Middle Parku, JUST ce verovatno nastupiti sa Radicem, dok se na ostale igrace iz Jugoslavije mora jos pricekati, iako oni cekaju kao zapeta puska na vizu za useljavanje.

Povoljna vest za JUST je svakako odluka JAT-a da postane pokrovitelj kluba dok se takmici u FILIPS Nacionalnoj Ligi Australije, koja pocinje prvenstvo 2. aprila.

AMPOL KUP U MELBURNU

Prosle subote je Makedonija dobila odlucujucu utakmicu protiv Juventusa posle dramaticnog preokreta zadnjih desetak minuta. Sa ovom pobedom "crveno-crni" mogu ponovo racunati na ulazak u polufinale i eventualno osvajanje Ampo Kupa, za koji je najveci favorit Essendon/Lions.

AMPOL KUP U ADELAIDI

Croatia je u zadnjem kolu savladala Poloniju sa 2:1 posle ravnapravne i uzbudljive igre. Strelci: Marwe i Jordan, dok je Ivanov bio najbolji igrac na terenu. Sa ovom pobedom Croatia je uzela prvo mesto grupnog takmicenja, pa se iduceg petka uvece ponovo sastaje sa Polonijom u polufinalu Ampol Kupa. Drugo polufinale igraju Beograd i Lion u petak 25. marta.

TUCU U SIDNEJU

Neodgovorni gledaoci su pokvarili polufinale Ampol Kupa u Sidneju, jer im je politika bila vaznija od sporta. Zbog tuce u gledalistu prekinuta je utakmica Croatia-Avala u 17. minutu prvog poluvremena kod stanja 0:0. Nogometni savez mora povesti energicnu istragu za pronalazenje i kaznjavanje pravih krivica ako zeli da odrzi ugled nogometa i sacuva publiku, koja sve manje dolazi na nogometne utakmice.

U prvom polufinalu Sutherland je nezasluzeno pobedio Jugala na penale. Posle produzetka od pola sata utakmica se zavrsila 2:2, ali samo zato sto je sudija svirao cetiri penala (vecinom sumnjiva) protiv Jugala.

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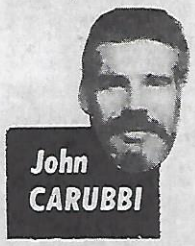
4-4-2 per shoulder o 2 nuovi linkmen



John CARUBBI

In seguito risultati, in verita, magri, ottenuti fino ad oggi dalla Nazionale di Jimmy Shoulder il carrozzone dei dissacratori del coach inglese risulta sempre piu affollato.

Oltre a coloro che ne hanno malvisto la scelta prima per ragioni puramente geopolitiche (o etniche come andrebbe oggi detto con parola di moda) ad aumentare la schiera degli «infedeli» si son messi anche i voltagabbana per vocazione, cioè coloro che dopo aver difeso Shoulder per geopolitica con la stessa leggerezza stanno demolendolo, per ragioni di... galleggiamento.

E fin qui nulla di nuovo ci sarebbe sotto il sole visto e considerato che è sempre stato di moda infierire sui caduti.

Siccome pero l'aspetto etico della faccenda mi interessa solo marginalmente mentre quello «pedatorio» occupa tutto l'obiettivo della mia collaborazione a «Soccer Action», un fatto è bene che lo metta subito chiaro: ho criticato e difeso Jimmy Shoulder a secondo che meritasse critica (per la conduzione tecnico-tattica della squadra) o difeso (contro defenestramenti auspicati da paladini di altri tecnici i quali, anche se non hanno certi difetti dell'Inglese, certamente non possono menar vanto di sapienza calcistica).

Ho gia scritto infatti, precedentemente, di essere un difensivista convinto pur rendendomi accessibile all'evoluzione del gioco del calcio, per cui anche quello «totale» o «olandese» (o di Heriberto Herrera, come sarebbe piu giusto chiamarlo) non stride con la mia convinzione che nel «soccer», (vedete il pugilato) la «guardia» deve essere molto attenta e chiusa. Però da una difesa impostata ermetica ad uno schieramento tattico «1-9-1», quale quello che consenti alla Nazionale australiana in Germania di incassare solo 5 goals (è vero) ma di non metterne a segno nemmeno uno, ci passano oceani di differenza pedatoria.

Quindi, smettiamola una buona volta di rivangare il tutto italico «si stava meglio quando si stava peggio» e di prestarci al gioco di dimissioni, malattie, e riturì tra le quinte (di contenuto tanto diplomatico quanto machiavellico) altrimenti portiamo acqua al mulino di quegli immigrati che son saliti in serpa al «soccer» australiano arroccandosi nelle federazioni, nei clubs e, fra poco, nelle stazioni televisive creando una casta dirigenziale che sa troppo di colonialismo britannico e che parla, scrive e sentenza di calcio solo per ricordi. E torniamo a Shoulder!

A parte il fatto che i miglioramenti, nella squadra da lui messa in piedi, possono ancora essere in germe e che potrebbero anche saltar fuori, ragion percui bisognerebbe che lo si lasciasse lavorare, visto e considerato che i suoi possibili sostituti non sono, nella maniera più assoluta delle aquile di intelligenza calcistica, da quanto io ho potuto vedere del suo elaborato tattico, ritengo potergli imputare solo la testardaggine (da non confondersi con il carattere) con la quale, una volta selezionati i «nazionali», ed una volta resosi conto dell'inadeguatezza di taluni di essi ad assolvere i compiti per i quali lui li ha scelti, continua a servirsene.

E qui il primo mio appunto si condensa, fino ad esprimersi, molto più chiaramente, nell'accusa (calcistica) al tecnico inglese di non saper «leggere» le partite.

E notate, amici lettori, che questa faccenda del saper «leggere» l'andamento del match è di capitalissima importanza per la «panchina», perchè anche con uomini non a «mille», il saper vedere l'incontro come una partita a scacchi, fatta di posizioni, ruoli e soprattutto FUNZIONI dei giocatori in campo, permette sempre (sostituti a parte) di «contromanovrare» il gioco avversario.

Rocco con il suo Padova provinciale, il suo Blason libero fisso, il suo Brighenti al mercurio non costrui una squadra staticamente difensiva, ma un «complesso» funzionante come un orologio, molti anni fa. Dopo averla impostata così la sua squadra, il «paron» la seguiva dalla panchina servendosi del campo come di una carta topografica sulla quale muoveva, è il caso di dirlo, le sue truppette d'assalto o i suoi «panzer» di difesa.

Per esempio, tanto per ritornare in Australia, anzi a Sydney, quando leggo in un giornale di lingua inglese che nell'ultimo scontro Australia-Israele, Rooney «ran his heart out», leggo cioè che il buon Jimmy corse come un forsennato fino all'esaurimento, io non mi lascio per niente commuovere dal frenetico mulinare delle gambette dello scozzese se questi si sfiata «portando palla» invece che impostare perentoriamente con le sue «punte» o con il suo altrettanto mobilissimo (ma con più discernimento ed acume offensivo) collega di reparto, Attila Abony.

Altrettanto poco ammirato rimango quando Agenore Muniz, impareggiabile «bailarin de futbol», tardigrado portator di palla invece che giocarla subito in società con Abony, Ollerton, Kosmina (lo stesso Rooney se in campo) o Williams indugia a narcisseggiare piuttosto che lanciare autoritariamente le punte.

Se la difesa aussie fa cilecca qualche volta, è perchè gli egregi centrocampisti australiani, ad essere precisi tre quarti del centrocampo australiano, centrocampo che, Shoulder o non Shoulder, risucchia Abony in linea con Muniz, Rooney e Byrne, prima non filtra in fase difensiva e secondo non imposta in fase offensiva. E se la fa questa benedetta impostazione d'attacco la fa... a capocchia perchè annebbiato, nelle idee e nei muscoli, dalla fatica.

In conclusione, la Nazionale di Jimmy Shoulder avrà forse bisogno di un altro «coach», ma dopo gli incontri di qualificazione ai «mondiali», e di un «coach» di moderna fattura europea e non di «sepolcri imbiancati» al sole australiano.

Soprattutto, e ne' frattempo preparatorio a guadagnarsi il posto a Buenos Aires, l'undici verdeoro necessita di una metaforica scudisciata nei fianchi, vale a dire di avere oliata la cerniera del centrocampo così che essa articoli in agilità la squadra intera ed imprima al gioco d'attacco aussie la speditezza richiesta per mettere in crisi le retrovie avversarie.

Questo, almeno per adesso, e con accenni timidi al calcio totale che porterebbe la squadra a livello europeo, ma ferma restando la necessità di avere la difesa bloccata nei terzini d'area.

E qui, un altro appunto a Shoulder: possibile che non si è ancora reso conto che il suo «team» è asfittico nella produzione di occasioni da goals ed è bolso nel respirare a metacampo? Possibile che non si sia reso conto che il solo Abony costituisce la marcia in più nel cambio (centrale) del complesso aussie e che quindi, in attesa che maturi il gioco a tutto campo, il 4-4-2 e il suo schema o che Muniz, Rooney e Byrne non sono (assieme) i centrocampisti di cui ha bisogno?

Se così fosse, di fortuna, tanta fortuna ha bisogno Shoulder specialmente in considerazione degli sgambetti che gli hanno tirati (e qui poco male perchè in fondo erano e sono coerenti) e che gli tireranno per farlo fuori a vantaggio di qualcuno il quale di «soccer» ne capisce molto, ma molto di meno di lui che almeno è, a detta dei suoi ragazzi, an honest and a nice guy, ed è di concezione tattica più moderna.

Mr. Shoulder,

a brief post scriptum to my article which I hope you will have translated.

What I endeavoured to put into words is the experience of having seen. I should say umpeteen times now, your team and I found it badly selected in the midfielders; one of whom is a slow motion «thinker» (Muniz), an other (Rooney) a dynamo without connected terminals to the strikers and the third (Byrne) still an unknown weight in the economy of the squad.

The only constructively efficient player operating in the midlines of the team (and he must go and play there if he and his colleagues of the forward line wish to have a random ball to play) seems to be the quick witted (soccer wise), speedy liaison man and attacking play maker Attila Abony.

What, in my humble... and seasoned opinion, your team lacks, thence, is a metaphorical good whip in the «chops» for the final sprint to the goal line, and a well rehearsed mechanism of «assists» amongst, above all, the forwards and those called to back them up.

So either you change the «chops» or use Abony as a whip, always, which means either a stable 4-4-2 tactical scheme or two new linkmen.

And don't worry for the opposition.

N PICTURES

— By SAM BELFONTE

Frankston forward Billy Buchanan (right) battled for the ball with Polonia's Menichelli (left) and Marian Jaworski.

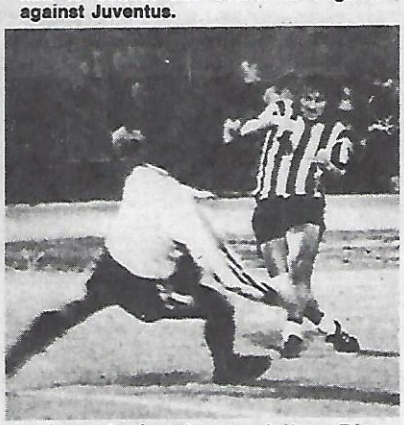
Sunshine defender Frank Mussel (right) looks on helplessly as this shot enters the net in George Cross' 6-1 win.

Juventus forward Rocky Santangelo (left) is best placed to win this through ball, despite pressure from Altona defenders Gramsberger (left) and McGarrigle.

Polonia's Marian Jaworski, one of the finest defenders in the State League, shows his determination against a Ringwood opponent.

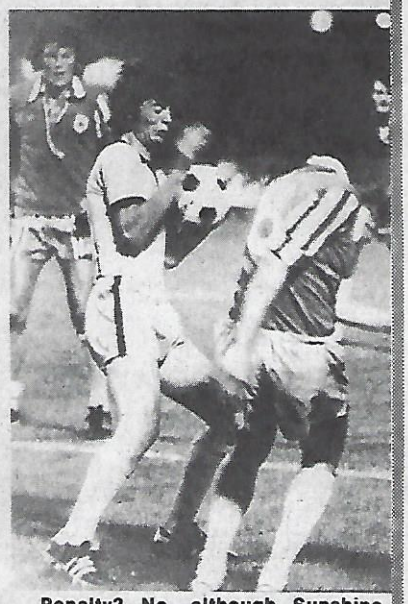
George Cross full back Alex McConville (bottom) looks absolutely amazed as his goalkeeper Lou Kastner soars above him to deflect this corner in a game against Juventus.

Pure concentration—that's Slavia goalkeeper Peter Clarke as he keeps an eagle eye on an advancing forward.



Juventus' veteran striker Dino DeMarchi shoots past George Cross goalkeeper Lou Kastner...but he missed the goal.

Polonia striker Joe Herman (in white) gets up between two Frankston defenders, with team mate Ralph Esposite (left) standing by.



Penalty? No, although Sunshine defender Peter Scarlett appears to be handling this point-blank shot from Hakoah's No. 8 Slobodan Lukic. At left is Hakoah forward Bruce Roberts.

HELLAS BEING LEFT BEHIND

By LES SHORROCK

S.M. Hellas lost its third practice game in succession on Sunday, and the score 1-0 in no way reflected West Adelaide's superiority.

Hellas was pathetic, especially at the back, where the back four were continually left flat-footed by the quick-raiding Adelaide attackers.

Kennedy, in goal, was often left exposed to a rampant **Graham Honeyman**, who looked very sharp.

What surprises most about Hellas' defence problems is that the club is apparently no longer interested in "Butch" Kokoska of Sunshine.

Kokoska's main assets are his speed, his tigerish tackling and his ability in the air — all attributes that were conspicuous by their absence at Middle Park.

Hellas, of all clubs, should be most aware of Kokoska's capabilities, for it was he who blotted out **Peter Ollerton** in Sunshine's two victories over Hellas last season.

From the kick-off it was obvious that Hellas would miss Ollerton's height at the front, as **Barry Reynolds, David Jones** and **Lucky Vagianos** of the Adelaide backs are all very big men, and so it proved, with **Billy Rogers,** who is more at home in the midfield, providing Hellas' main thrust.

As the first half came to an end Hellas supporters were shocked to see **John Daperis** being carried off with what appeared to be a thigh injury. **Bozikis** replaced him, but not for long, as he in turn was taken off straight after the interval to make room for **Chris Kalafitides.**

West scored in the 16th minute.

Neil McGachey made space on the right, rounded Hagegmanouil and his cross, eluding Kennedy, found Honeyman who headed on for Barry Reynolds to crash the ball home at point-blank range.

West Adelaide, with **Gordon McCulloch** playing wide on the right and **Allan Bourke** on the left, had the Hellas defence stretched wide and frequently found Honeyman and Kritikos unmarked in the box.

The game ended with West playing possession football and well in charge and on this form, Hellas would have been lucky to make last year's State League finals.

If Hellas wishes to mount a strong challenge in the Philips League it has a lot of thinking to do in the next two weeks.

WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Reynolds 61) S. M. HELLAS 0

Player ratings out of 10:

HELLAS: Kennedy 6, Pye 5, Hagegmanouil 4, Dosen 5, Xanthopolous 5, Daperis (sub Bozikis), Gibson 6, Rogers 5, Mackay 5, Alaxiou 5, Bozikis (sub Kalifitidos 5), Cummings 6.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 5 (sub Haynes 6), Ames 6, Reynolds 5, McGahey 6, Vagianos 6, Bourke 7, Jones 6, McCulloch 6, Honeyman 7, De Lyster 5, (sub Kritikos 5), McGregor 6.

Referee: Slaats 8.

Adelaide's Lucky Vagianos (right) stops an overlapping run by Mike Pye of South Melbourne.

Hakoah wins in Adelaide

ADELAIDE — Hakoah-Easts beat Juventus Adelaide 1-0 in a Philips League trial here, with a goal by Terry Smith.

Hakoah won the game on the wings where Joe Watson and Hilton Silva were outstanding, and in midfield where the damage was done by Lutton and Stevenson.

The defeat brought Juventus back to earth after its recent 9-1, 5-1 and 6-2 victories against local Adelaide teams.

Its best players were centre back Frank Lister, full back Fred Yung and goalkeeper Roger Romanowicz.

Juventus used its recruit from Granville (NSW), Brian Northcote, in attack.

Milne slaughters Marconi forwards

Confident after their 2-0 victory over J.U.S.T. in Sydney, Marconi's players didn't know what hit them in the return game at Footscray last Sunday.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

J.U.S.T. was two up through goals by **Mirko Rujevic** and **Jim Kondarios** after only 11 minutes!

And when Marconi failed to hit back J.U.S.T. got cocky and showed off some of its most skilful and intricate soccer.

J.U.S.T. players dribbled around opponents, drew men to them and beat them with short passes and looked generally more accomplished than the Sydney big boys.

As for the defence — it was again faultless.

I've long been saying that the J.U.S.T. rearguard is the strongest in Victoria.

If it can be so dominant against Marconi, it may even prove itself the strongest in Australia during the National League season.

Star of the match was J.U.S.T.'s Scottish import Jim Milne who was immaculate at right back.

It was Milne's first opportunity to play in the back four because **Alan Parrott** had been in Sydney on business all week and had not been able to train.

Milne grasped the opportunity with both hands and showed coach **Cedo Cirkovic** what he can do.

Then Parrott came on as a substitute. He went to centre back and played some great stuff.

Marconi coach **Rale Rasic** blamed the bumpy ground for his team's poor performance.

Other reasons, of course, were that the team had arrived from Sydney only a few hours before the game and that **Jimmy Rooney, Gary Byrne** and **Alan Maher** were in Fiji with the national team.

But none of the forwards was missing and all but **Bertie Mariani** were dismal failures.

Mariani scored a spectacular headed goal and at least challenged for every ball against tough opposition.

Marconi obviously needs a good striker and Mooroolbark's **Graham French** should solve the problem if negotiations for him are successful.

French sat in the Marconi box with Rasic during the match.

Few of the Marconi players left a lasting impression.

Former Auburn star **Les Hucker** stood out as a solid stopper, **Stuart Selvage** (ex-Yugal) worked hard in midfield, **Ray Richards** was a steadying influence on the team and **Ivo Prskalo** was an efficient sweeper, playing far behind the rest of the defence.

J.U.S.T. had its best players in defence — **Milne, Kondarios** and **Krieris** — but apart from them I also liked **Joe Palinkas** and **Joe Picioane.**

Picioane put over the cross which Rujevic headed home for the first goal in the 2nd minute.

Kondarios made it 2-0 in the 11th. minute, going forward to head home a Palinkas corner.

Marconi's international **Ernie Campbell** limped off injured in the 35th. minute to be replaced by **Richie Williams.**

Only seconds after the interval Mariani made it 2-1 with a flying header from a Selvage cross but J.U.S.T. hit back quickly, forcing Prskalo to clear off the line from a Kondarios header.

Then Marconi started its 25 minutes of dominance but it was due as much to J.U.S.T.'s switch to defence as to Marconi's better play.

After all, J.U.S.T. always has a long defensive spell when it holds a commanding lead.

In the 76th. minute substitute **Steve Adamgikis** made his mark by heading onto the underside of the cross bar from a Picioane cross. However, Knezevic caught the ball as it came down.

Ten minutes from the end Marconi flashed into the play as Richards hit the post with an overhead scissors kick.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Rujevic 2nd. min., Kondarios 11th.) MARCONI 1 (Mariani 40th.)

Teams, with player ratings out of 10:

J.U.S.T.: Beland 5; Milne 6, Krieris 7, Kondarios 7, Kazi 6; Ilieski 6, Micic 6 (Adamgikis 58th.), Picioane 7; Palinkas 7, Rujevic 6 (Parrott 58th.), Ristovski 6.

MARCONI: Knezevic 6; Jones 6, Prskalo 6, Hucker 7, Dogney 5; Selvage 6, Richards 6, Carrize 4 (Robertson 6, half time); Sherno 4, Mariani 6, Campbell 4 (injured, sub. Williams 4 35th.).

Pictured clowning around are former J.U.S.T. team mates Cedo Cirkovic (left) and Rale Rasic, who were opposing coaches last Sunday.

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ZASLUZENA POBEDA PLAVIH

From p.14.

VELIKI USPEH MLADOG JUST-a

Prosle srede drugi tim JUST-a je neocekivano ali sasvim zasluzeno pobedio iskusni tim Kellor City-a sa 5:3 (na penale). Utakmica se u regularnom vremenu zavrsila 0:0, a posle produzetka bilo je 1:1. Odlucili su jedanaesterci, koje su PLAVI majstorski izveli i pobedili sa 5:3. Iz igre gol je postigao Cele Talevski, a sa bele tacke: Pece Petreski, Misa Ristic, Dany Acevski i Boris Gelevski. Slobodan Zoraja je pogodio stativu.

U nedelju je drugi tim JUST-a pobedio Port Melbournea sa 3:1 (1:1) u Letnjem Kupu. Strelci: Tony Pisevski, Trajce Jovanovski i Cele Talevski. Sastav JUST-a: Stefanides, Karic, Cankovic, Acevski, Stojcevski, T. Petreski, Taleski, Geleski, Pisevski, P. Petreski (Jovanovski), Atanasovski (Belic).

DOCKERTY CUP

Od nasih klubova samo je INTER [illegible] Dockerty Cupa, najstarijeg nogometnog takmicenja u Victoriji. Inter iz Williamstowna je savladao svog ligaskog suparnika Langwarrina sa 4:1 (1:1). "Beli" su u svakom pogledu nadigrali protivnika, ali su ga dotukli tek u drugom poluvremenu. Interov domacin na igralistu Springvale Hostela bio je Jugoslovensko Australski radnicki centar. Sastav Interna: Karafili, Dovic, Stefanovic, Najdek, Beker, Drozdek, Miolosavljevic, Pantic, Ivanovic, Bartol (Radulovic), Belurov. Strelci: Dragisa Pantic, Milorad Milosavljevic, Marko Ivanovic i Franjo Drozdek. Bolji od ostalih bili su Mirko Beker, Johan Najdek i Dragisa Pantic.

Robustniji tim Hamlyn Rangersa pobedio je Carlton/Serbiju sa 4:1 (1:1). Carlton je igrao bolje u polju, imao dve trecine igre u rukama, pa je ipak tesko porazen od protivnika koji je igrao na prodore. Oba tima nisu iskoristila najstrozije kaznu (Velickovic promasio za Carlton). Jankovski, koji je ujedno bio najbolji igrac Carltona.

HAMPTON-TARAX 6:3. Visok poraz nije realan, jer je Tarax igrao celu utakmicu sa 10 igraca. Prvi je Tarax imao mlade igrace u navali, koji su lepo kombinirali i sutirali na gol. Narocito se istakao Mladen Kresinger, koji je postigao dva gola i bio najbolji na terenu. Sastav Tarax-a: Kazi 6, G. Kostromin 6, McCole 6, Mladenovic 7,. Brkic 6, Circkovic 6, Kresinger 8, Milicevic 6, V. Kostromin 6, Jokovincic 6.

DVE POBEDE JUNIORA

Juniori JUST-a ispod 13 godina postigli su dve pobede za nepuna tri sata. Posto su pobedili Waverley City sa 5:0 u juniorskom Ampol Kupu, dosli su da igraju predigru utakmice JUST-Marconi n a JUST-ovom igralistu, gde su pobedili Kellor/Austriju sa 8:1. Strelci prve pobede: Stojce Dimoski 2, Miki Cvetkovski 2 i Tom Karic. Strelci druge pobede: Dragan Trkulja 2, Miki Cvetkovski 2, Stojce Dimoski 2, Dragan Milenkovic i Zoran